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Council says no to funding HAVO

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VOLUNTARY organisations in Haverhill are to receive hundreds of thousands of pounds in council funding – but the future of one body has been left in doubt.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council's cabinet confirmed Haverhill Arts Centre will receive £219,745 as part of its five-year funding agreement.

Haverhill and District Citizen's Advice Bureau also stands to be given £106,500 in core funding for 2010/11.

But an application for funding from the cash-strapped Haverhill Association of Voluntary Organisations (HAVO) was rejected, because of concerns about the group's future, unless it obtains extra funding.

A council spokeswoman said: "The cabinet recognised the contribution HAVO had made to the voluntary sector in Haverhill, and the hard work of its members.

"However, after careful deliberation of the latest information, it was felt that HAVO would not be able to secure the additional external funding it would need in the long-term to continue under the terms of its extraordinary general meeting resolution."

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Help for victims: Alice Iron and Jordan Cowell, both 10, were among the Parkway Middle School pupils who dressed down for the day to raise much-needed funds for the Haiti earthquake appeal. See full story – Page 7.

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Camels help kick start hospice trek

TWO CAMELS braved the chilly Suffolk weather to help launch a charity trek in a warmer climate.

The camels, called Cuthbert and Sonny, helped to promote a trek in the Middle East in November to raise money for St Nicholas Hospice Care.

The charity, based in Bury St Edmunds, supports people with serious and terminal illness from all over West Suffolk – including Haverhill and Newmarket.

The trek is expected to net thousands of pounds to maintain the services of the hospice and its staff who support patients in their own homes.

Barbara Gale, hospice chief executive, dressed in traditional robes to promote the trek in Jordan which will take place over eight days in November.

She said: "It was my first experience on a camel but it was great fun and they were lovely, friendly animals."

"The Jordan trek is a great opportunity for people to raise money for the hospice but also enjoy a fantastic 'once in a lifetime' experience."

The trek was launched at the Oasis Camel Centre in Suffolk where owner, Ray Smith, offered two of his camels to help give a flavour of the fundraiser.

Participants are asked to raise £2,700 for the trip which can incorporate paying their own costs of £1,700 while raising a minimum of £1,000 in sponsorship.

In the past, the hospice has organised treks to The Great Wall of China and New Zealand.

Anyone who would like to find out more should contact Jenny Baskett on (01284) 747614.



Jordan bound: Jenny Baskett, the hospice's challenges and events fundraiser, meets Sonny the camel.

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Take steps to stop the metal thieves

METAL worth thousands of pounds has been stolen in an increasing number of offences. Thieves have targeted building sites where copper pipes and electric cables have been stolen, as well as lead from roofs. Sites in the Haverhill area are among those which have been hit by thieves.

Across Suffolk so far this month there have been 46 metal thefts – up from 30 in December. Suffolk police have appealed to the public to report any suspicious vehicles and people. They have also asked companies and other organisations to take precautions to discourage thieves.

A Suffolk police spokesman said: "Where possible it is advised to use security lighting to deter thieves, and CCTV can also deter as well as capturing images of offenders and their vehicles."

"All gates and entrances to premises should be properly secured. Valuable property can be marked and photos taken, to identify it if it is recovered. Industrial Watches are in place in many areas, contact your community watch liaison officer on (01473) 613500 for further details."

Anyone with information about metal thefts should call the same number or Crimestoppers 0800 555111 – or dial 999 if a theft is in progress.

Rabbit dies of neglect after couple separate

A **YOUNG** couple's pet rabbit died from dehydration and a lack of food after they split up.

Neither Aaron Free nor his former partner Zoe Hockett looked after the white rabbit, called Darwin, which was found dead in his hutch by an RSPCA inspector.

A neighbour alerted the RSPCA after seeing the rabbit slumped in the hutch in a back garden at Robin Close, Haverhill, last summer. The inspector found there was no food and water for the animal, magistrates heard.

The pair admitted failing to provide

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adequate care for the pet when they appeared in court at Bury St Edmunds.

Free, 22, of Robin Close, was fined £200, ordered to pay £100 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Hockett, 23, of Falcon Close, Haverhill, was given a conditional discharge for 12 months and was ordered to pay £100 costs.

But the magistrates refused to grant an order, requested by the RSPCA, banning them from keeping pets. It

would have meant that Free's border collie, Keta, and two terrapins would have been seized by the charity, together with Hockett's hamster.

Iain Bain, prosecuting for the RSPCA, said an inspector called at Robin Close at the end of June.

After getting no response at the front door he went into the back garden and found the rabbit dead in the hutch.

It was emaciated and its claws were overgrown.

A vet who carried out a post mortem examination concluded that the rabbit died from anorexia and dehydration due to the warm humid weather.

Mr Bain said the couple split up in January last year and Hockett moved out.

Steven Caldwell, representing Free, said the couple, who have a son aged two-and-a-half, had lived together at Robin Close since November 2005.

He said Free had been let down by friends he asked to look after the rabbit while he was away looking for work.

Jeremy Kendall, for Hockett, said she was "very upset" at what had happened to the rabbit. She accepted she had made no arrangements to look after it when she moved out.

Council's sell-off of business units

COUNCIL-owned business units are to be sold.

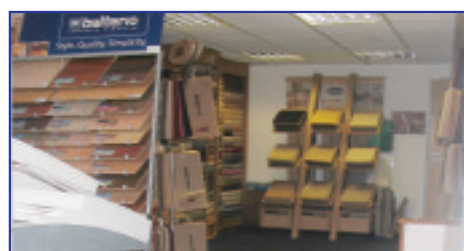
St Edmundsbury Borough Council is selling its freehold interests in the Homefield Road estate in Haverhill.

The council helped establish nine business properties by making land available and granting long leases at no rent in exchange for a premium payment and a requirement on the tenant to build premises to an agreed brief and specification.

The council has now decided to sell off its freehold interests at auction that will take place on February 15.

The sale has been arranged by specialist agents Colliers CRE. The sale will not affect the occupants of the properties as all existing leases remain unchanged.

Auctioneers' details can be accessed at www.collierscre.com/auctions

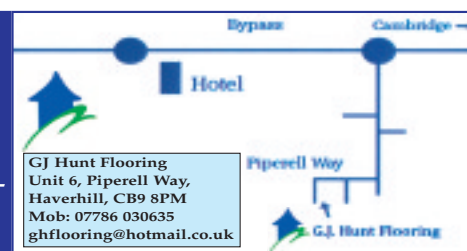


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Triathlete launches golden opportunity to win sports award

A SPORTS award scheme has been launched by last year's winner.

Steeple Bumpstead triathlete Barbara Leverett belatedly received the Sports Personality of the Year Award when the 2010 St Edmundsbury Sports Awards were launched for this year.

The award scheme, run by Abbeycroft Leisure, was launched at Haverhill Leisure Centre.

Barbara won the top award but was unable to collect it in person because she was in Australia defending her World Triathlon championship title.

Barbara came fourth in the World Triathlon Championships but a few days later won the World Aquathlon Championships where she ran, swam and ran her way to first place and a gold medal. She also travelled to the USA and came first in the World Duathlon Championships for the second time, gaining another gold medal to add to her growing collection.

Award sponsor Rick Wildridge, of Haldo Signs and Graphics in Bury St Edmunds, presented the prize.

She said: "I am so thrilled to receive this award and to launch the 2010 St Edmundsbury Sports Awards."

"These awards are extremely important as they focus on local sporting achievements and they seek to inspire other up-and-coming sports men and women in St Edmundsbury to strive for success both locally, nationally and internationally. I urge people in the Haverhill area to vote for their local sporting stars."

Past award winners from the Haverhill area include Samantha Miller (young sports personality), Haverhill Rugby Club junior section (club award), Tom Cole (triumph over adversity), Alessia Thomas-Jackson (young sports personality) and Steffi Biller (sports personality).

To nominate a sports person or team for the awards visit www.acleisure.com to download a nomination form or pick up a form from Haverhill or Bury St Edmunds leisure centres. Anyone interested in sponsoring an award should call Michelle Curran on (01284) 757482.



Winner: Barbara Leverett with Rick Wildridge of award sponsors Haldo Developments.

Picture: Keith Jones 623556.

Bids for market and youth cash

MARKET stalls could be set up to allow residents to sell plants, crafts and other goods they have made.

Six stalls could be made available for residents of Haverhill to use each Saturday for a minimum of 30 weeks.

The proposal is one of the submissions to Haverhill Partnership Community Fund.

The cost of setting up the stalls would be around £6,000 a year. But there would be no charge to residents who could use a stall to test the market for their fledgling business.

Other funding bids include an application to fund more youth support workers. The cost to help fund training for 12 new youth workers would be £12,000. Administrative support for voluntary groups is also being sought at a cost of £27,000.

A bid for £35,000 has also been submitted to help reduce costs for youth, community and sports groups. The cash could be used to reduce hall and pitch hire charges and insurance.

Traveller site expansion bid faces battle

A LEGAL challenge could be mounted over controversial proposals to increase the size of a travellers' site.

Opponents of the expansion of the site at Kelly's Meadow, Wickhambrook, have said they will take the issue to the High Court to force St Edmundsbury Borough Council to take action to enforce existing planning conditions.

They have also involved local MP Richard Spring in the campaign against proposals to have more caravans on the site, off the A143.

Government funding of more than £737,000 could be spent on the site, occupied by one family.

Mr Spring, who met some of the villagers at the Newmarket offices of Tattersalls, the racehorse auctioneers, said: "I cannot understand why St

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Edmundsbury Borough Council want to impose extra pitches at Kelly's Meadow when there are good relations between the villagers and the Goodey family living at Kelly's Meadow.

"I believe that an increase in pitches will become unmanageable and have an adverse effect on village life."

The council organised a mediation meeting in October and a planning consultation event was held over two days in November.

But a planning application is due to be submitted which, according to the council, should address worries about traffic problems.

Opponents of the scheme are pressing for the council to take enforcement action so that

improvements to the entrance to the site are carried out - as required by a planning inspector in 2005.

Planning consultants acting for opponents of the scheme have said they will take High Court action to apply for a ruling that the council has acted unlawfully by failing to enforce the conditions imposed by the inspector.

They could also seek an injunction against the council.

But the council has said that changes to the existing site will be covered by a new planning application.

The council's chief executive Geoff Rivers has told Mr Spring that the council has to find an additional 20 pitches for gypsies and travellers as part of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

He said that council officers were looking at other sites for use for travelling families.

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Man charged £400 cost of fly-tipper's rubbish dump

A MAN whose rubbish was found fly-tipped near his home has been ordered to pay £400 costs.

An old door, cupboard, bucket, wood and building rubble were among waste products found dumped near Hundon Grange by officers from St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

During sentencing at Bury St Edmunds Magistrates' Court, the magistrates heard how the items were traced back to Haverhill resident Graham Sydney-Smith, who had paid an unknown man to clear the rubbish from his home in North Avenue.

The 63-year-old was given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay a contribution of £400 towards the council's costs following the discovery of evidence relating to him in waste which he had paid an unknown man in a van to clear from his property in March 2009.

A council spokeswoman said: "A clear message has been sent out to all householders that they may face prosecution if they use rogue waste traders to dispose of their rubbish, instead of legitimate waste contractors or services provided by the council."

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Cllr Peter Stevens, chairman of the joint waste committee, said: "Householders need to protect themselves from exploitation by rogue traders."

"They need to see up-to-date certification and to be doubly sure, make a note of where the waste is being taken, by whom, and the registration number of the vehicle being used, just in case it ends up dumped."

"If in doubt, do not hand the waste over."

The maximum fine for fly tipping under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is £5,000.

The Waste (Household Waste) Duty of Care Regulations 2005 were introduced to help to reduce the illegal disposal of waste, better known as fly-tipping, and require all householders to take reasonable measures to ensure that household waste produced on their property is passed on to an authorised person.

Carriers can be authenticated on the Environment Agency website or by calling the council's waste management helpdesk on (01284) 757032.



Dumped: the rubbish which was traced back to Graham Sydney-Smith's home.

College scores above average

AN ARTICLE regarding school league tables in last week's edition of the *Weekly News* stated that Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College "was named among the top improvers, despite also being listed in the 200 worst performing schools in the country".

We would like to clarify that the statement "200 worst performing schools in the country" was based on average points scored per A-level pupil in state education in 2009, and not results for GCSE students.

In fact, Alan Pearson, the college's chair of governors, said Castle Manor continues to outperform the majority of schools when it comes to GCSEs.

He said that one of the ways to measure Key Stage 4 success is the percentage of students achieving at least five GCSEs A* to C, or equivalent. For Castle Manor, the 2007 figure was 55 per cent. In 2009, it was 85 per cent – 20 per cent above the national."

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'Outstanding' honour for Samuel Ward

AN UPPER school has been honoured by inspection body Ofsted at an event recognising outstanding schools.

Howard Lay, head of Haverhill's Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College, attended the event at Gibson Hall, London, which was hosted by Christine Gilbert, chief inspector of Ofsted.

She highlighted the top schools featured on the annual list of outstanding providers published by Ofsted.

Mr Lay said: "The school has an improvement strategy in place and has worked hard to raise the aspirations of its students, teaching children that they can achieve no matter what their background."

"We have a strong focus on behaviour, as that was a big problem for the school, and we tackled this by rewarding students with praise when they demonstrate good behaviour."

Mrs Gilbert said: "I wholeheartedly congratulate Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College on their success and hard work in delivering such high standards. Excellence does not happen by chance, these providers have a real drive to inspire, challenge, and support children, young people and adult learners. But there is no reason why everyone can't be outstanding. I hope they will be a source of inspiration to others."

All those who appear on the Outstanding Providers list 2008/09 receive commemorative certificates and are authorised to use an exclusive "outstanding provider" logo.



Congratulations: Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College headteacher Howard Lay with Christine Gilbert, Ofsted's chief inspector.

Licence dodgers caught

NEARLY 400 people were caught without television licences in the Newmarket and Haverhill areas last year.

Figures just released by TV Licensing show that Haverhill had the fifth highest number of licence dodgers in Suffolk with 205 and Newmarket was sixth with 186.

Ipswich, Lowestoft, Bury St Edmunds and Sudbury had more people caught without licences.

National figures show that more than 5 per cent of residents did not have a licence.

Ian Fannon, TV licensing spokesman, said: "On behalf of the vast majority of people who pay for their TV licence, we work hard to catch those who attempt to cheat the system."

"These figures demonstrate that there really is no hiding place for TV licence evaders, and we continue to be highly effective at catching them."

Further information on how and where to pay for a TV Licence can be found at www.tvlicensing.co.uk/info

'Pay up or face extra jail time'

A JUNIOR partner in a £1 million drugs gang earned nearly £470,500 from the illegal trade across Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, a court heard.

Ryan Eggo, 22, of Church Close, Whittlesford, was one of the members of a Haverhill-based gang jailed last year.

Now he, and other members, have appeared in court again for a judge to make confiscation orders against their "earnings".

Ipswich Crown Court heard that Eggo, who is serving a five-year sentence, had little left from what he made out of selling class A "hard" drugs.

The court heard that of the £4,416 left, £3,416 was cash being held by the police since Eggo's arrest and £600 was the total of what a second-hand Cartier watch seized from him during

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the investigation was expected to fetch.

Judge David Goodin said that unless the available money was handed over within three months, Eggo would have 45 days added to his sentence.

Paul Massie, 48, of Haverhill Road, Steeple Bumpstead, is also serving a five-year sentence for acting as a courier.

He was ordered to pay £10,000 in six months or face having another six months added to his sentence.

Emma Limpus, 32, of Cleves Road, Haverhill, who had received a 12 months jail sentence suspended for two years for being concerned in the supply of amphetamines, was ordered to hand over £400. Her earnings

from her criminal activity had been assessed at £750.

Confiscation proceedings against three other members of the gang were adjourned because lawyers acting on their behalf told Judge Goodin that agreement on the sums involved had not been reached.

Matthew Dixon, 39, of Elms-hurst Close, Haverhill, described as the main organiser, had been jailed for nine years and Paul French, 32, of Gannet Close, Haverhill, and Sean Kimber, 32, of Maypole Close, Little Wilbraham, had each been jailed for four years.

They are due to reappear in court next month.

When the gang members were sentenced to a total of 32 years in prison, the court heard that they had flooded the area with an estimated £1 million worth of drugs over a 12-month period.

Crackdown on speeders and burglars

SPEEDING in villages near Haverhill is one of the priorities for a police neighbourhood team.

Rush-hour speeding through Stoke-by-Clare, Clare, Withersfield, Wickhambrook and

Great Wratting was raised as an issue at a recent public forum.

Now officers will be giving attention to the issue.

The team's top priority is tackling burglaries of

empty properties and outbuildings in villages including Stradishall and Wickhambrook.

A number of high-value thefts have occurred in the area.

The villages are cov-

ered by the St Edmundsbury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team which will hold its next public forum on Wednesday, February 3, at 2pm at Ixworth police station.

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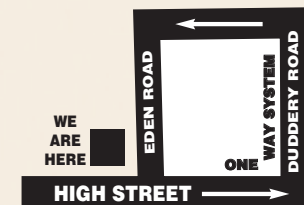
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Don't expect cash handouts

Sir, I thought I would write in this week following several articles in the newspaper and wanted to make a few points:

1. There was an article about residents wanting more grit bins where they live and wanted Haverhill Town Council to supply them. Well I don't think they should because it's the responsibility of Suffolk County Council. More recently at Bar Hill in Cambridgeshire a resident was told that if he wanted to grit his road he would require public liability insurance . . . so this is not a good idea.

2. On the pros and cons for closing the High Street, I think it's a good idea to close it during business hours. For one it works on a Saturday doesn't it? And believe what you like it works in other towns, for instance Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds, so why not Haverhill? The scheme for blue badge holders is widely abused by many and there is also no distinction between pavement and roadway in our town. Many park on the pavement any way and taxis park on the yellow lines. The only way to stop this, if there is no overall ban, is to either bring back the traffic warden or better still, use the car park attendants to enforce the ban – and by the way close Queen Street as well.

3. The new football stadium, Chalkstone Way. As I understand it, they haven't got enough funding to complete the project. It's the same old story – go to the town council for more funds. We are in a recession and should be cutting back a little – not relying on handouts from local councils.

I for one have had enough of wastage by local councils on projects which come up short of cash. A better idea would be to try to raise the funds themselves with car boot sales, raffles, collections and functions in the premises once it's open.

4. Finally, the computing history centre also wants a handout from Haverhill Town Council. I don't support that either. Find another benefactor rather than expect we council tax payers to help.

Chris Cullum
Gannet Close
Haverhill

Own up if you damage a car

Sir, I appreciate that we have been experiencing some very difficult driving conditions recently. However, I would just like to take this opportunity to ask drivers who cause damage to another car to please leave their contact details or report the accident to the owner of the damaged car.

Our car was recently damaged whilst parked in a car park in Haverhill. Whoever was responsible did not leave any contact details. If for no other reason apart from it is the legal responsibility of the driver, then at least out of common

MEMORIES



■ THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows children enjoying a performance. Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken?

Send your answers to: Memories, Haverhill Weekly News, 4 Queen Street, Haverhill, CB9 9EF by Tuesday morning, or email editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

Picture: 582793.

Last week's Memories photograph, from our archives, showed Haverhill pensioners Ada March and Winifred Bigmore. It was taken in January, 1981. Mrs M E Turner, of Coronation Cottages, Great Wrating, recognised those pictured. She said: "The lady on the left is Mrs Ada March, middle is Mr Brian Sparks, who was landlord of the Red Lion, Great Wrating, and the lady on the right is my great aunt, Miss Win Bigmore."

"It was taken on January 5, 1981. The regulars of the Red Lion held a competition and raised £150. They wanted to help two OAPs who needed help. Miss Bigmore had her £60 electricity bill paid and Mrs March's gas and television bills were paid. They were chosen by



Haverhill WRVS." Reader Stephen Kennedy had memories of our picture on January 14, which showed a group of Haverhill schoolchildren.

He said: "I believe it was taken at Clements Primary School around 1983 or 1984. Front left in the picture is my cousin Adrian Pipe, who still lives in Haverhill, front right is

Charlie Dargue and finally the lad behind Charlie is my younger brother, Ben Kennedy, who lives in Kelvedon."

Picture: 621425.

courtesy apologise for causing damage to another person's property.

We now have a £275 excess bill to pay to repair our car for damage that was not our fault and the inconvenience of being without a car for five days. Fortunately we are in a position to just about cover the cost of this repair but it may cost us the price of our summer holiday. So I would like to make this plea . . . if you damage another person's property please own up!

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Shame we can't take more pride

Sir, Enjoying a walk round the recreation grounds on Sunday morning, looking at birds, trees and

even some snowdrops out, then down to earth. At the top of recreation ground, older children's play area, there were two lots of vomit under the swings, Tampax scattered around as well as beer cans and cartons. Walking further, I saw seven new dog droppings and several older ones that had been trodden on by

walkers, beer cans galore, cartons, paper etc. What a shame we all cannot just enjoy our green spaces without spoiling it. Come on Haverhill, be proud of what we have for our children and ourselves.

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Parking charges go up despite plea

PARKING charges are set to rise despite a call by a traders' organisation for a free one-hour period.

Haverhill Chamber of Commerce has called for a free hour's parking in the town rather than an overall rise.

But St Edmundsbury Borough Council's cabinet has backed a 10p increase on all charges in the town on Monday to Saturday. Councillors have agreed that

there should be no charges introduced at the town's car parks on Sundays which are currently free.

Paul Donno, vice-chairman of Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, said: "We're disappointed the council hasn't adopted our suggestion for a free hour's parking. I think it's very short-sighted of them. A free hour would have given people, particularly from businesses, time to

nip into the town to do their banking and use the shops.

"You can get free parking at Tesco's so this will just mean more people will use Tesco."

The extra 10p will put the parking charge at the town's main car park up to 90p.

The new charges will come in on March 29.

The council is also increasing charges in Bury St Edmunds.

Man followed girl to school

POLICE want to trace a man who followed a 12-year-old girl on her way to and from school.

The youngster was followed twice by the same man as she walked through an alleyway between Cambridge Way and Parkway Middle School in Haverhill.

Although he did not speak to the girl or try to touch her, police are treating it as an accosting.

The man, in his 30s, was white and about 5ft 11in tall. He was said to have had a bald head and was wearing blue jeans and a black woolly hat. He was carrying two plastic bags.

The incidents happened on Monday at around 8.20am and 3.25pm.

Anyone with information should call Pc Will Wright at the Haverhill Safer Neighbourhood Team (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers 0800 555111.

Flu pandemic nears an end

MORE than 175,000 people have been struck down with swine flu in the East of England since late July.

Statistics collected by the East of England Strategic Health Authority also show more than 120,000 people were treated with anti-viral medicine since July 23.

Seventeen people have died of swine flu in the region since last April and another five East Anglians died while outside the area.

However, figures show the pandemic is almost at an end. Only 3,073 people were diagnosed with it between January 1 and 12 compared to 23,112 in the last week of July, but vaccination programmes will continue.

Clubs and rifle taken from shed

FISHING equipment, golf clubs, power tools and an air rifle have been stolen from a garden shed.

Thieves cut the padlock on the shed at Strawberry Fields, Haverhill, to steal the equipment.

The theft was discovered on Sunday, January 17, but it may have happened at any time since November 13 last year.

Anyone with information should call Sgt Sarah Bartley at the Haverhill Safer Neighbourhood Team on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Thieves raid tools container

TOOLS and builders' equipment was stolen from a container at a school.

Thieves broke into the container at St Felix School in School Lane, Haverhill, over the weekend and stole the property belong to builders working on the school premises.

The theft was discovered at 7am on Monday.

Anyone with information should call Suffolk police's Crime Investigation Bureau (CIB) on (01473) 613500 or Crimestoppers 0800 555111.



Spare a thought: pupils donated their loose change to spell out a message of hope for the earthquake victims.

Picture: David Johnson 623093.

'Thoughtful' pupils help Haitians

MIDDLE school pupils held a non-uniform day to raise money for earthquake victims in Haiti.

Youngsters at Haverhill's Parkway Middle School hope to raise around £500 by donating loose change to the disaster fund. The school's Year 6 group used the cash to spell out the words 'Haiti' as well as 'hope', 'health', 'happy' and 'help'.

Youngsters who took part in the non-uniform day donated a £1 each to the fund.

Teacher David Maguire said: "The children decided that it was important

to do something for the people of Haiti. By simply donating loose change and paying £1 to wear non-uniform they will make a big difference to those struggling in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake.

"We encourage our pupils to see themselves as global citizens and this type of project has really nurtured a sense of compassion in our pupils."

The effort is the latest undertaken by pupils at the school for people less fortunate than themselves.

At Christmas, Year 5 pupils at the school raised money for Oxfam to pay

for school books, bars of soap, health check-ups and food for a needy family.

The school's Amnesty Youth Action group has also been sending cards to prisoners of conscience all over the world as part of an Amnesty International Campaign.

Avril Dawson, head of Year 5, said: "The students learn about other parts of the world where people's lives are very different to their own, and they want to do what they can to make life more fair. We are very proud of our pupils' thoughtfulness."

HAVO hopes for 'change of heart'

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Instead, the cabinet decided that, as "it was considered important that the funding should remain in the community", up to £3,000 of the cash previously designated for HAVO be kept aside "to ensure the continuation of key services previously provided by HAVO to the Haverhill voluntary sector."

Mick Smith, chairman of HAVO, said: "We're just gob-smacked. But it has still got to be considered by the full council so I'm hoping there's a chance of a change of heart."

He said county councillor Phillip French had agreed to give £6,000 from his locality budget towards the £9,000 needed to keep HAVO going.

Other grants agreed by the borough council include £3,500 to Haverhill and District Local History Group, £14,000 a year to Haverhill and District Volunteer Centre, £2,500 a year to Three Counties Transport and £3,750 to Haverhill Foodbank.

The grants are subject to confirmation at the council meeting on February 23.

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Dedicated depot workers win praise

**COUNCIL bosses in Cam-
bridgeshire are keeping a
wary eye on the weather –
and gritting supplies – with
temperatures set to drop
this week.**

A council spokesman said: "We
have about 1,000 tonnes of rock
salt in hand, and we are expecting
further supplies during the week,
before the end of the month.

"We are keeping a very watchful
eye on the weather situation as
always."

The Minister for the East of
England, Barbara Follett, visited
the Highways Agency salt depot at
Whittlesford last Friday to thank
staff for their hard work during the
recent freezing weather.

She congratulated workers for
keeping the county's M11

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motorway and major A roads
moving after the extremely cold
weather set in.

Mrs Follett said: "This has been
the longest spell of freezing
weather for 29 years and,
throughout it, councils and
contractors in the East of England
have worked with the Highways
Agency to keep our roads open.

"I want to thank them for their
sterling efforts. Without their
commitment and dedication,
which I know has been round-the-
clock in Whittlesford, many people
would have suffered far more
danger and discomfort than they
did in the snow and ice that
covered our transport network.

"I take off my hat to the people

working at the depot, and others
like it across the East of England."

Mike Wherrett, Highways
Agency regional performance
manager for eastern England, said:
"Throughout the day and night,
our salt spreaders and snow
ploughs from Whittlesford and 12
other depots across eastern
England have been out on the
motorways and major A roads,
ensuring that they remained open
and safe for the travelling public."

Cllr Mac McGuire, the county
council's cabinet member for
highways, said: "The council was
well prepared for the winter
weather with additional stocks of
grit and salt which enabled us to
cope with the national rationing of
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Tasting session: above, Anthony Powell-Collis, Christopher Murcott and Yasmin Nealon try the chocolate truffles. Below, Hollie Grant, left, and Sarah Franklin dip the truffles.

Visit by experts goes down a treat

ANTHONY Powell-Collis from Haverhill was among hospitality students who enjoyed chocolate delights when representatives from a firm of chocolatiers visited West Suffolk College.

Sarah Franklin and Hollie Grant, from William Curley's chocolatier team, gave a demonstration for hospitality students and invited guests in the practice kitchen at the college.

They showed how to make dark chocolate truffles from a ganache made from chocolate and whipping cream, dipped in tempered

Toscano 70 dark chocolate.

Chef lecturer Paul Harding said the event was a great success, and that he hopes it will be repeated next year.

Scotsman William Curley has been awarded the title of Best British Chocolatier for the last three years and is regarded as the UK leader in the fine chocolate market.

He and his wife Suzue, a highly respected patissier in her own right, work solely with the Tuscan based Amedei, a leader in fine chocolate.



Store owner to pay £2,600

A CONVENIENCE store owner has been fined £1,500 for selling an alcopop to an under age teen.

A 17-year-old girl made a test purchase at Chalkstone Stores in Haverhill as part of checks being carried out during a campaign by the Local Strategic Partnership, which includes the police and local councils.

A court heard she was not asked for identification to confirm her age when she bought a bottle of WKD Blue, a vodka-based alcopop.

Ravendeer Rai, who runs the

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shop, had been earlier warned to ensure his staff was adequately trained to stop drink sales to under 18s.

He admitted breaching the Licensing Act when he appeared before magistrates at Bury St Edmunds. As well as the fine, he was ordered to pay £1,100 costs.

Hayley Johnson, trading standards officer, said: "The sum of money Mr Rai has to pay is a significant sign that Trading Standards will come down hard on anyone who is caught illegally

selling alcohol.

"We had spoken to Mr Rai on several occasions and tried to help him by giving advice on training for his staff on restricted age products. We also advised on how to record incidents where those who are under age try to buy products illegally.

"Unfortunately Mr Rai could not prove he carried out the training for the member of staff who sold the alcohol and therefore a prosecution was brought against him.

"Suffolk Trading Standards will take action against anyone we find ignoring our advice."



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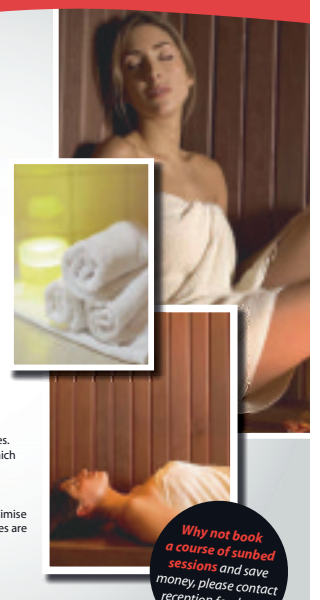
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Hospital to get new chief executive

A DIRECTOR at Addenbrooke's Hospital is the new boss at West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds.

Stephen Graves has been announced as the new chief executive of the Bury St Edmunds hospital but no date has been set for him to take up the appointment.

Mr Graves, 52, is currently the director of corporate development at Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust where he has worked in senior management positions since September 2001.

At Addenbrooke's he is responsible for strategy, business planning, the hospital re-development programme, business development, research and development and university and stakeholder engagement.

He succeeds Chris Bown, who has left the West Suffolk to become chief executive of Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

West Suffolk trust chairman Roger Quince said: "Stephen has an excellent record of successful working with clinicians and will bring with him a wealth of experience. I am delighted that he will be coming to lead the trust at a very important time in its history as we prepare ourselves to become a Foundation Trust."

Mr Graves, who is married with a teenage son and daughter, comes from a Cambridgeshire farming family and is still involved in the family business.

He said: "I am delighted to be joining the team at WSH and look forward to the challenges this busy hospital holds and to building on the good work of the previous chief executive."

"I've already met some very talented and dedicated staff and together we will continue to provide a quality service that the people of Bury St Edmunds and the surrounding area can be proud of."

Gwen Nuttall will continue in the role of acting chief executive at the West Suffolk until Mr Graves joins the trust.

West Suffolk Hospital's patients include residents of the Haverhill, Newmarket and Mildenhall areas.



Moving: Stephen Graves is looking forward to challenges.

Spotlight on speeders

SPEEDING in villages near Haverhill is one of the priorities for a police neighbourhood team.

Rush-hour speeding through Stoke-by-Clare, Clare, Withersfield, Wickhambrook and Great Watting was raised as an issue at a recent public forum. Now officers will be giving attention to the problem.

The team's top priority is tackling burglaries of empty properties and outbuildings in villages including Stradishall and Wickhambrook.

A number of high-value thefts have occurred in the area.

The villages are covered by the St Edmundsbury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) which will hold its next public forum on Wednesday, February 3, at 2pm at Ixworth police station.

New hope for dementia

SCIENTISTS have found new hope for curing fatal nerve damage, a report claimed this week.

Medical researchers at the Babraham Institute have discovered a new factor crucial for keeping nerve cells alive and healthy.

It could help thousands of Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis and motor neurone disease sufferers.

Dr Jon Gilley and Dr Michael Coleman, in electronic journal *PLoS Biology*, show the Nmnat2 molecule has a protective function allowing continued communication between the brain and nerve cells. This function might be improved with drugs to delay degeneration of nerves.

Vandals attack cars

HOODIES damaged wing mirrors on five cars during a wrecking spree in Haverhill.

Three people wearing hooded tops were spotted fleeing from the scene in Princess Way towards the new pond at around 12.50am on Sunday.

Anyone with information about the vandalism should call Pc Jane Mangnall at Haverhill police on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Wards reopen for visitors

A HOSPITAL is allowing visitors inside after being closed for three weeks due to an outbreak of the norovirus.

West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds closed its doors to visitors after a number of patients and staff showed symptoms of the highly contagious diarrhoea and vomiting virus.

The outbreak has now subsided, and visiting is being reinstated to some wards during the evenings between 7pm and 8pm, although all wards will remain closed during the afternoons until further notice while extra cleaning takes place.

Dr Caroline Barker, infection control doctor at the hospital, said: "We would like to thank

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patients and visitors for their patience and co-operation which has helped us to bring this outbreak under control.

"The number of people at the hospital who are still showing symptoms of the virus has reduced significantly. As such, we are now able to reintroduce limited visiting in most of our wards."

"We are still asking anyone who comes to the hospital to use antimicrobial handrub, which is available in the foyer, when arriving or leaving the building."

"To help protect both our patients and the visitors themselves, we would also ask people

to please wash their hands with soap and water when arriving or leaving the wards."

"Because the situation could still change, it is also possible that the number of wards which open to visitors may alter on a daily basis. As such, we would urge anyone planning to visit the hospital to check with switchboard before they leave home to save themselves a potentially wasted journey."

"As ever, we would urge anyone who is feeling unwell, or has had diarrhoea or vomiting during the past 72 hours, to stay away until they have fully recovered."

Anyone planning to visit the hospital should call (01284) 713000 to find out which wards are open.

Campaigning MP wins award

AN MP has won a top award for his support of a campaign to upgrade a "killer" stretch of road.

Richard Spring, whose West Suffolk constituency includes Haverhill and Newmarket, has been named Parliamentarian of the Year – Community Campaigner, by road safety group Brake and Direct Line Insurance.

Mr Spring's support of the campaign to upgrade the last remaining single-carriageway stretch of the A11 – between Barton Mills and Thetford – won him the award.

The road plans are currently being considered at a public inquiry and work on the dual carriageway scheme is due to start later this year.

Mr Spring received the award at Brake's annual reception at the Houses of Parliament last Tuesday.

Cathy Keeler, deputy chief executive of Brake, said: "We are delighted to see that safety improvements are finally due to begin on the A11. Richard

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has shown real determination in rallying support and fighting for road safety on behalf of his constituents. Brake congratulates Richard on his success and is happy to recognise his efforts by awarding him."

Mr Spring said: "I was surprised and deeply touched that Brake felt that I deserved an award."

"Road safety is not a glamorous issue and neither is it a party political issue, and as such I would like to thank Charles Clarke MP who has been of great help in the attempts over many years to make such a dangerous stretch of road as the A11, safe."

"These sorts of campaigns can take years, and this one has not finished yet, as work is yet to be started. A great deal more dogged determination may be required, from a great many more people, before lives stop being lost."



Top award: Richard Spring, recognised for his work to get the A11 upgraded.

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'I shed tears, tears for all the life I've lost from this illness'



WALKING along the street, Barbara Curtis caught a waft of a stranger's perfume. A strong, musky scent, it made her head start to spin: feeling dizzy, disorientated and, all of a sudden, bone-achingly tired, the Soham mum couldn't walk any further. Although she didn't know it, Barbara was suffering from a rare – and life-altering – illness.

"I now know that I have a condition called Multiple Chemical Sensitivity," explains the 55-year-old. "I have a reaction to all kinds of chemicals, mostly in fragranced products: perfumes, air-fresheners, fabric conditioner is one of the worst."

"If I get in a car with an air-freshener in it and have a reaction, I can be in bed for the next three weeks. I suffer extreme fatigue, violent headaches, disorientation... My muscles go stiff and I can hardly move, my speech goes... At times it has been frightening."

"And it has been hard. When I really think about it, I do have a few tears."

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They're tears for all the life I've lost, really."

Her eyes welling as she speaks, Barbara clearly feels very emotional about her battle with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS). That's little surprise: it's almost impossible to overstate the impact MCS has had on her life.

Forced to wear a carbon filter mask wherever she goes, even the simplest things – like having dinner in a restaurant – have been ruled out by MCS. "I could go to a restaurant but I couldn't eat, because of the mask," Barbara explains.

"I did try plugging my nose with cotton wool as an alternative, but it didn't really work. It took quite a bit of courage to start wearing the mask, but it's my only option really."

Even conducting this interview proved a challenge. Thanks to problems with the bus service that morning, Barbara couldn't get from her Soham home to Ely, where she works, for our meeting.

As I was already in Ely, I offered to drive over to Barbara's home instead. But, because I'd carry all kinds of chemicals into the house with me (such as the

washing powder and conditioner on my clothes), she explained that was out of the question.

So I suggested picking her up in my car and taking her to a café. But, thanks to the freshener hanging from my rear-view mirror, Barbara said my car was a no-go area; even after an air-freshener is removed, she added, the residual scent in an enclosed space could make her violently ill. And, even if I could have taken her to a café, she wouldn't have been able to drink a cup of tea – because of the mask.

In the end, we rescheduled for the following day. I met Barbara at the kiosk she runs in Ely's Cloisters Shopping Centre: called Curtis Crafts, her outlet sells everything from knitting wool and needles to cross stitch patterns.

"A few years ago there's no way I could have run my own business," explains Barbara, sorting out three balls of baby blue wool for a regular customer. "That does show how much things have improved – and for that I feel truly blessed."

Barbara's health problems date right back to her early childhood. A bright and bubbly little girl, she initially loved

school and, taking up piano aged 6, became an accomplished musician. Then, when she turned 8, everything changed. "I suddenly lost the ability to concentrate in class," says Barbara. "I'd been able to play the piano really well and I couldn't do that any more. And I got very tired, so tired I couldn't even clean my teeth when I went to bed."

Looking back, Barbara puts those seismic changes down to her first amalgam filling, which she had aged 8: she believes the mercury the filling contained is a possible cause of MCS.

After that, Barbara says her whole life felt like it was spinning out of control. Bullied at secondary school, she began to play truant. And then, in her early teens, she was diagnosed with depression – and put on tranquilisers.

"I was 14 when they put me on tranquilisers," she recounts. "I suppose, looking back, I have been quite angry about that. I was on them, on and off, for years and years: when I finally came off them altogether, 24 or 25 years ago now, it was horrible – they say it's worse than coming off heroin."

"I don't like to think about that time, when I was a teenager, to be honest. I have some very

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Out in the world again: Barbara at work on the Cloisters kiosk.

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painful memories. I tried to commit suicide several times: it was a cry for help. In the end the school asked me to leave because, being suicidal, they thought I was a bad influence."

By the age of 19, Barbara wanted a fresh start and moved out to Adelaide, Australia, a place she adored. And then, when she was 23, she had her daughter. Now in her 30s and a mum herself, to little Emilia, 4, Barbara says her daughter has been an invaluable source of support over the years.

"It was when my daughter was small that I first noticed the affect scents had on me," continues Barbara. "I had air-fresheners round the house and I can remember walking past one on the landing and suddenly, instantly, getting very tired. I thought maybe I might be having a reaction to the fragrance, but then dismissed it..."

A single mum, Barbara had moved back to Britain, settling in Haverhill. And it was there she met the man who became her husband: "I used to see him go past the house and my knees would go all wobbly," she laughs.

Marrying at 30, it was then Barbara decided to come off the tranquillisers once and for all. It was, she admits, an incredibly tough time. "I had terrible pre-menstrual tension," explains Barbara. "It was horrible: I was depressed

and violent, really, at times. My husband coped very well with it all, with me throwing gravy at him and the wall – it sounds terrible now, though I'm not the only one who's done things like that... My husband and I are actually separated, but we're still very good friends."

In the wake of the separation, 13 years ago, Barbara was diagnosed with chronic fatigue. "It didn't surprise me," she confesses. "I'd been ill for so long."

But that diagnosis was far from the end of the story. Still battling exhaustion, headaches, aching joints, muscle stiffness – a whole host of symptoms – it was suggested that Barbara had an under-active thyroid gland. Tests showed that was, indeed, the case and, prescribed medication, Barbara says her health soon began to improve: for one thing, she had more energy.

But, whenever she went out of the house, Barbara started to feel unwell again; in the end, she decided it was chemical smells, from perfume to paint, that were to blame. After doing research on the internet, she discovered MCS. "All the symptoms fitted, I ticked every box," adds Barbara.

A lot of medics are, she admits, still very sceptical about MCS, suggesting "it's all in the mind" (the World Health Organisation does not recognise it as a valid diagnosis). But Barbara says she knows first-hand that MCS is very real – and adds that more and more people, doctors and patients, are realising it's a serious illness. "One of the reasons I wanted to do this article is because I want to raise awareness," she says.

After self-diagnosing MCS, Barbara stopped using all fragranced products in her home: from household cleaners and washing powder to toiletries, everything she uses is natural and fragrance-free. She started taking all kinds of supplements – more than

20, including vitamins and minerals – to give her beleaguered body a boost. And she made a big decision: to start wearing the face mask which now, years on, is a permanent fixture whenever she leaves the house. The decision, although a difficult one, proved, says Barbara, to be one of the best she's ever made. By protecting herself from toxins, she says her health has improved in leaps and bounds.

"I do get quite a lot of reactions: the favourite at the moment is 'Have you got swine flu,'" continues Barbara. "The teenagers call me Darth Vader sometimes, but it doesn't really worry me – I know it's just ignorance. And, thankfully, I have retained my sense of humour; I think that's really important."

"Little boys often ask me 'Why do you have to wear that mask?' and I don't mind that at all, I explain, in simple terms, that I'm allergic to perfume."

Unable to work and with almost no social life, Barbara confesses to having had some dark times in the past. But now, thanks to her ever-improving health, she says her future is looking bright. "It would be nice to get rid of this one day," she says, pointing to her mask.

A keen craftswoman, who's done knitting and cross stitch all her life, Barbara decided to set up Curtis Crafts two years ago. Initially a solely web-based business, she branched out into the Cloisters kiosk in November and says she is loving every minute. "It's lovely to be out in the world and with people again; I've always been a people person really," she adds.

"There are times when I've felt like giving up, but you have to keep going, don't you? When I look back, I suppose I do feel proud of how far I've come. And, hopefully, things are just going to get better and better."

For more information about Barbara's new business, Curtis Crafts, visit www.curtiscrafts.co.uk



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The speakers will be Trevor Hawkins, who has more than 30 years' experience of finance and management, and Dean Wales, who has a background in public relations.

There will also be several Business Link advisors and officers from St Edmundsbury Borough Council's economic development service.

Cllr Nigel Aitkens, the council's cabinet member for rural economy, said: "Although trading conditions will continue to be difficult for some time, better prepared businesses will take advantage of the economic recovery, as it begins."

"The expert advice available at this free seminar could be invaluable."

Places must be booked in advance by visiting www.bookevents.org or calling 0845 6011000.

Housing association to have new boss

A HOUSING association responsible for most rented properties in the Haverhill area has appointed a new boss.

Karen Mayhew will take over as chief executive of Havebury Housing Partnership when the current head of the organisation, Steve Cook, retires.

She is currently Havebury's director of operations and has spent 30 years involved with social housing.

As director of operations she has overseen a £58.5 million improvement programme since 2002 when 5,700 homes were transferred to the association by St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Mrs Mayhew said: "I am tremendously excited because I have a great starting point with an excellent team, but I want to drive up performance. The political, economic and regulatory environment is changing and we have a great deal to focus on, including building on our good relationships with tenants and taking Havebury to the next level."

Mrs Mayhew is originally from Yorkshire but has lived in Suffolk since 1984. She was previously assistant director of environmental health and housing at the borough council. She began her career in the Greater London Council as a housing management trainee and has also worked at Basildon District Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

Mr Cook is retiring after a career spanning 43 years in the social housing sector.



Appointed: Karen Mayhew will take up the reins when the current chief executive retires. CP

Police set to fund projects

SUFFOLK police are making cash available for community projects in the Haverhill area.

Suffolk Police Authority is helping Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) across the county to support much-needed community projects by issuing grants through its partnership fund.

The scheme is being promoted to mark this week's national awareness campaign of the Association of Police Authorities.

The fund, part of the authority's budget, is shared between the county's seven districts for funding community projects and engagement activities that support SNT priorities, often joint initiatives with partner agencies.

Gulshan Kayembe, chairman of Suffolk Police Authority, said: "The partnership fund is an essential part of the

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authority's commitment to partnership work and community engagement.

"Our SNTs do a fantastic job of working with their local communities, listening to the concerns and ideas of local people, and helping them make a difference to their towns and villages by supporting these projects."

"We would like to encourage local people and our partner agencies to continue working with their local SNTs and to approach them with ideas for community projects."

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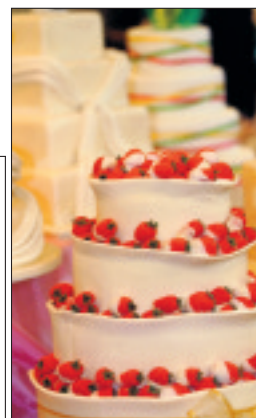
"Also consider having your reception in a village hall and decorate the walls and ceiling with a marquee lining," she suggests. "Be ruthless and keep the numbers down – if you want to invite a lot of people, invite more for the evening do after the meal.

Catering for a wedding can be notoriously expensive, so Richardson advises sticking to a simple menu such as sausages and mash and serving your wedding cake for pudding.

"Buy simple white, iced cakes from a supermarket and have a go at decorating them yourself, or ask your florist to decorate them with fresh flowers.

"Have a buffet instead of a sit-down meal as you're likely to need fewer waiting staff," she says.

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New recycling scheme taken up by stores

CAMBRIDGE mayor Cllr Russ McPherson has launched a new recycling scheme for light bulbs and batteries.

He officially opened the scheme at Sainsbury's store in Brooks Road along with Rebecca Weymouth-Wood, the city council's recycling and waste minimisation officer.

Sainsbury's stores in Cambridge and Haverhill are among 200 nationwide to offer the collection service in partnership with recycling specialist Recolight.

All energy-saving light bulbs and batteries collected will be sent for recycling at approved treatment facilities.

Scott Ward, manager of the Brooks Road store, said: "We're going a step further than most retailers by offering to recycle energy-saving bulbs in addition to batteries."

"Our in-store recycling points will be visible to thousands of customers every week and we hope this will help make a difference to recycling in the area."

Nigel Harvey, Recolight's chief executive, said: "Consumers can currently recycle energy-saving light bulbs at any of the country's 1,100 civic amenity sites."

"This partnership is an important step in providing consumers with a wider range of options to make recycling energy-saving light bulbs as easy as possible."

What to look out for when planning your next holiday



OUR Barclays Moneyskills campaign to help Weekly News readers make the most of their money looks at holidays and travel this week. Chris Havergal finds out how you can get a bit of sun in the knowledge that your money is safe.

ATTITUDES to holidays are changing as a result of the recession, travel agents say, with travellers taking fewer trips, and being pickier about what they get for their money.

And more than ever, families are looking to make sure they know their cash is safe when they book.

The key thing is to make sure you book through a company which is 'bonded' by professional associations like ABTA, ATOL or AITO, according to Jill Adderley, owner of Sawston-based Plane Travel.

Bonding means holidaymakers will get their money back if their airline or travel company goes bust, and they will get help if they are stranded abroad too.

Mrs Adderley said: "People are a lot keener to make sure we are bonded – which we are – and I don't blame them."

"The most important thing is that people enjoy their holidays and being financially secure is a big part of that."

Before Christmas thousands of passengers were stranded when Scottish airline Flyglobespan went bust, one of several carriers to go out of business in 2009.

And while many people might think the best travel deals are still to be found online, Mrs Adderley said the price gap had narrowed considerably in recent years, and that agents were able to offer more assistance if anything goes wrong.

She said: "People value a good service and feel more secure and happy when they are in the hands of people who know what they are doing."

As for travel destinations, many families are choosing to holiday in the UK while the purse strings are tightened, especially as Eurozone countries are much more expensive now due to changing exchange rates.

Mrs Adderley said the most important thing is to go to a company which is recommended to you and see what is the best deal they can get for your money.

Many people are already doing this.

Mrs Adderley said: "A lot of people used to almost take their holidays for granted but now think much more carefully about what they want."

"People are perhaps only taking one holiday but they are making it count a lot more."

Marie-Claire Berreen, Barclays community investment manager, said: "Like everyone else, I always look forward to my holidays. I always save for special trips and use reputable travel agents. If you are on a limited budget, it's a good idea to work out how much spending money you will need and try to stick to that amount."

"Travel insurance is really important and if you are going to a European country, make sure you have your EU health insurance card."

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BONDING: Book your holiday with a company that is bonded by a professional association like ABTA, ATOL or AITO. Be aware that if a company offers a pre-

arranged combination, such as a hotel and flight, it is legally obliged to protect the money you have spent on them. With a split-contract booking, where you pay separate invoices for the hotel and the flight, you do not have this protection.

RESEARCH: Find out as much as you can about where you are going so you are well-informed prior to arrival. Websites like www.travelsafe.co.uk and www.SafeFromScams.co.uk will offer further advice on staying safe abroad.

PROTECTION: Paying by credit card also offers you more protection as your card company should refund any losses providing the transaction bears the name of the company

you are booking with. The disadvantage is that many low-cost companies charge extra for credit card bookings and encourage you to use debit or charge cards.

INSURANCE: Ensure you have a good travel insurance policy in place and be aware that your insurer may not pay a claim if you fail to divulge certain information. If you are pregnant, planning on adventurous activities while abroad, like scuba diving, or have existing medical conditions, it is likely your insurer will need to know.

MONEY: Take travellers' cheques to prevent you having to carry extra cash and make a note of the serial numbers. Also make a note of emergency numbers you might need just in case your wallet or purse is stolen. It is important to inform local police if you are a victim of crime, as your insurer will expect a report to be on file.

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Duxford to mark Battle of Britain's 70th anniversary



Scramble: fighter pilots set off on a life-or-death mission during the Battle of Britain in the autumn of 1940, to prevent German forces taking control of the Channel before a possible invasion.

THE Imperial War Museum at Duxford will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain with spectacular events in the air and on the ground.

The museum is celebrating the prominent role played by RAF Duxford in the aerial combat in 1940 that changed the course of the Second World War.

From mid-April, it will stage a new photographic exhibition giving a unique insight into life for the men and women at a wartime fighter station.

Douglas Bader was posted to Duxford's No. 19 Squadron and is the most famous of a number of Fighter Command heroes who flew from there.

On Saturday, May 15, visitors can chat with Battle of Britain veterans and see the legendary aircraft alongside contemporary RAF planes.

Aircraft will take to the skies

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the following day, the first flying day of the 2010 season.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will form the centrepiece of a thrilling programme for the Spring Air Show.

The museum will stage summer holiday family activities from Friday, July 23, until Tuesday, August 31.

Activities include creating make-do-and-mend aircraft, learning about wartime planes and discovering what life was like for a fighter pilot.

The two-day Battle of Britain Air Show, starting on Saturday, September 4, will celebrate Duxford's role in the supreme aerial conflict.

There will be an evocative commemoration of the battle with a particular focus on the pilots stationed at RAF Duxford who came from around the world.

A special interest lecture day, titled *Duxford, Spitfires and the Battle of Britain*, will take place on Saturday, September 11.

It will explore in greater depth the momentous events of the air campaign.

Carl Warner, the museum's research and information manager, will provide an overview of the Battle of Britain while Stephen Woolford, head of interpretation and collections, will discuss RAF Duxford's specific role.

To conclude the day, James Nicolson will tell the amazing story of his uncle Eric James Brindley Nicolson.

Flight Lieutenant Nicolson was the only Battle of Britain pilot, and the only RAF fighter pilot, to be awarded the Victoria Cross during the Second World War.

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Success leads to space issue

AN APPEAL for volunteers to join a life-saving first responder scheme has been so successful that the organisation now needs bigger premises to hold training sessions.

After the *Weekly News* publicised the need for more people to join the scheme in the town, 20 people came forward.

Margaret Marks, the scheme co-ordinator, made the appeal after almost single-handedly covering the town area during the Christmas and New Year period.

Although the scheme, started in 2002, has 12 trained members, most had other commitments and were not available to respond to medical emergencies such as heart attacks and strokes.

As a result of the appeal, published in the *Weekly News*, the scheme has

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had a flood of applicants.

Even though some have backgrounds in the health service or emergency services, they all need to undergo training which will include the use of a defibrillator – the electrical device which can “jump start” a heart that has stopped beating – as well as the use of airway inserts to keep patients breathing.

Mrs Marks said the “wonderful success story” had now created a problem of space.

“I now desperately need a kind benefactor who will allow me access to a large room – or two – once a month for the purpose of training around 30 members,” she said.

Anyone able to help should contact Mrs Marks on (01440) 713443 or email margaret.marks@talktalk.net



First responder: Margaret Marks.

Rail boss pledge of better services

TRAIN travellers will find the going easier in the years ahead, the Government's rail chief has told the *Weekly News*.

Passengers on the Greater Anglia rail route, which operates services from London Liverpool Street to Cambridge, will benefit from longer trains, stations improvements, more security and other upgrades, according to Rail Minister Chris Mole.

The company now operating services on the route, National Express East Anglia, is being stripped of its franchise in March next year, three years early.

And last week, Mr Mole formally opened the bidding process for companies wanting to take over the route from April 2011. The public is also being consulted about what services should be provided.

The minister told the *Weekly News*: “The needs of passengers must come first – and we want the next operator

of this key commuter route to offer a first-class service.

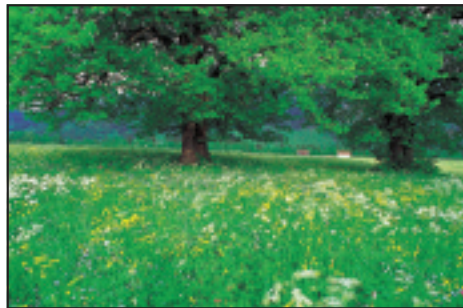
“We are setting out what bidders interested in taking over the route must consider, including providing quicker journeys and more carriages on trains into London during peak periods.

“The new operator will be expected to provide better information for passengers about their services and improved facilities at stations, including more parking spaces for cyclists and drivers. They will also be required to monitor service quality and ensure stations and trains are clean and maintained to a high standard.”

The security improvements would include better CCTV coverage in stations and on trains themselves, he said.

People can look at what is being proposed, and have their say, by logging on to the Department for Transport website, www.dft.gov.uk

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Stepping out for comedy, thrills and spills with theatrical starlet

Stepping out: Katherine with co-star Dugald Bruce-Lockhart in *The 39 Steps*.
Picture: Tristram Kenton.



WITHIN minutes of meeting Katherine Kingsley backstage at the Arts Theatre, the Cambridge born-and-bred actress is declaring her passion for the stage.

"I just love theatre," she says, beaming. "It's what I've done the most of and been the most successful at, I would say, at the moment. "I love the immediacy of it and the fact that your journey is that night and that moment. "I've done theatre, TV and film – I've been very lucky. With theatre I've mixed quite a bit and done fun musicals, but I've also done straight plays."

Stressing that she also finds TV and film as "wonderfully fulfilling" as taking to the stage, the 30-year-old puts her extensive career down to her education and varied training. "I grew up nearby in Abington and my family moved to Cambridge when I was about 14," explains Katherine.

A rising star of the British stage returns to her Cambridge roots this week to appear in the West End's longest-running comedy, *The 39 Steps*, at the Cambridge Arts Theatre. Nominated for an Olivier Award last year for her role in *Piaf*, the local girl made good talks to LOUISE MARTIN.

"I went to St Mary's School and then Parkside and, at 18, I moved to London to do a course with the English National Opera."

A year at the Mountview Theatre School in London followed, and then another year at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

Remaining in London after her training, Katherine made appearances in the likes of *The Bill*, *Hollyoaks*, *Casualty* and *Operation Good Guys*, while her film career includes *Weekend*, *Days of the Siren* and *100 Second Marriages*.

"I've never felt so ugly in my life as when I was surrounded by all those stunning people on *Hollyoaks*," says Katherine, laughing. "It was about five years ago now – everyone was very young and pretty."

Her stretch on *The Bill* was early last year when Katherine played Fire Investigation Officer Linda Preston, a slightly less glamorous role than her *Hollyoaks* character, and a different pace to her film and theatre work.

"It's amazing how quickly they work," she says. "I've got massive respect for those actors."

Now back on the road for Patrick Barlow's Olivier Award-winning comic take on *The 39 Steps*, Katherine will be touring the UK until June with the cast of

just four actors playing an incredible 139 roles between them.

"This is a long run – it's going to kill me," she says. "It's a small cast in comparison to the number of characters there are. I'm playing three characters but there are two men in it who play a ridiculous amount between them."

The classic spy thriller follows the adventures of Richard Hannay, who encounters dastardly murders and double-crossing secret agents.

Published in 1915, *The 39 Steps* became writer John Buchan's most famous work. "It's a very funny and imaginative play, explains Katherine.

"I play a German spy called Annabella initially, and then a Glaswegian crofter's wife called Margaret, who's very sweet, and then I play Pamela, a well-to-do middle class girl."

With comedy, thrills and romance in every scene, the 100-minute play sees endless costume changes for the actors; in one scene they can run on dressed as an old lady, only to appear minutes later playing the role of an underworld villain.

The six-month tour will take Katherine across the country and she expects to miss her East London home at times.

She says: "I haven't toured for ages, I've been really lucky as lately I've done lots of work in London. I'm sure I'll get a

little homesick but touring is lots of fun and the great thing is every week you're somewhere new."

So as well as a different theatre each week, is there a list of luxurious hotels to call home for a while too?

"Certainly not," laughs Katherine. "Every theatre has a digs list so it's up to you where you stay. No-one arranges for you to stay in fancy hotels – you find accommodation yourself."

Nominated for an Olivier Award last year as best supporting actress for her role in *Piaf*, Katherine describes the play as "one of the best things I've done", alongside her roles in the West End's *High Society* and *Hobson's Choice*.

Although just one month into the tour of *The 39 Steps*, Katherine admits she is already thinking about her next job.

"You're very lucky if you come out of a job and you know you've got something to go to but I would love to do some Shakespeare after this," she says.

"I love *As You Like It*, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Twelfth Night*. I could get my teeth stuck into any of those. But first I'll need a holiday after six months of this – I already hear a Greek island calling!"

■ ***The 39 Steps*, Cambridge Arts Theatre, until Sunday. Tickets £10 – £30. Contact: (01223) 503 333 www.cambridgeartstheatre.com**

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Exhibition draws on new and old talent

THE Jerwood Drawing Prize Exhibition opens today at Anglia Ruskin University's art gallery, showcasing the work of established and emerging artists. The Jerwood Prize aims to promote and reward excellence and talent in contemporary drawing practice through the support and recognition of the work of established and emerging artists. It is the longest running annual open exhibition dedicated to drawing in the UK. More than 2,300 entries were submitted last year, including a collaboration between Anglia Ruskin University filmmaker Neil Henderson and visual artist Polly Read, which went on to make the shortlist of 66 which makes up the exhibition. The film documents an audience's drawings in response to a performance given by the musician and improviser Evan Parker and then re-animates the drawings by bringing them into conflict with the musical piece. The Jerwood Drawing Prize exhibition is open from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. It runs until February 24 and entry is free.

Quacking sounds from northern trio

QUACK Quack, a Yorkshire-based party-prog, post-jazz, guitar-free, polyrhythmic instrumental rocking trio, comes to the Portland Arms in Cambridge this weekend. They take simple, cheap keyboard melodies, add driving bass and then pulsing pan-continental drums. Other comparisons could be made with Africa 70, Trans Am, Led Zep, the JBs and Stereolab. They avoid the "quiet-loud" clichés of a lot of instrumental rock music, instead pivoting their tunes around subtle shifts in emphasis and feel or sudden escapades into an illogical but utterly exhilarating musical conclusion. Throughout it all there is a consistent sense of foot-tapping savvy. The band, along with guests, play on Sunday from 7.30pm. Entry is £5.

French rebels rise up in raucous pantomime

CENTRE Stage Company continues to delight audiences with their colourful panto, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, a somewhat unusual choice of pantomime, but it makes a nice change . . . oh yes it does! It's Paris during Carnival time in the 1400s. The evil Minister of Justice, Claude Frollo, is attempting to rid Paris of all villagers, including the beautiful and vivacious Esmerelda, who has caught the eye of the new Captain of the Guard, Phoebus. Mayhem ensues as the beggars of Paris rise up in rebellion against Frollo, led by Clopin, the almost heroic King of the Beggars. Can Quasimodo, who lives at the top of the bell-tower of Notre Dame in the company of two rather questionable gargoyles, save Esmerelda? Can you help him? It takes to the Haverhill Arts Centre stage from tonight until Saturday at 7.30pm, with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30pm. The laughs continue at the arts centre with the Monkey Nuts Comedy Club on Sunday, with John Howie, Rob Deering and Maff Brown. It's chuckle time from 8pm. The guest demonstrator at the Haverhill and District Flower Club meeting at the arts centre on Monday is Barbara Collins, with the theme "Brighter days are coming". It starts at 7.30pm.

Rebellion: Quasimodo (Dan Symonds) is bullied by the evil Frollo (Andy Letcher) in Centre Stage Company's pantomine production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. CP



■ The first heat of the Haverhill Battle of the Bands takes place on Friday, February 5 from 8pm. The line up, in order of appearance, will be: Eva's Dream, an indie pop rock band from the Saffron Walden area who have previously entered the Saffron Walden Band competition in 2005, 2006 and 2008; Stop Thompson, an acoustic rock/folk band from Haverhill, who have previously entered Buryssound; Kadesh, a classic rock/funk band

from Haverhill formed in March 2009; and Faith In Hours, instrumental rock band formed at West Suffolk College and new to the Battle of the Bands. Doors open at the arts centre at 7.30pm. Heat 2 takes place on Friday, February 12 so watch this space! No unaccompanied under 14s. Proof of age may be required. ■ Bright Stars (PG) screens at the arts centre next Monday at 1.30pm

and Wednesday and Thursday at 7.45pm. A secret love affair begins between 23-year-old poet, John Keats and the girl next door, Fanny. Initially at odds with one another, the two eventually grow close. By the time Fanny's mother finds out about the attachment, the relationship has an unstoppable momentum. ■ For more details about the shows, or to book tickets, phone (01440) 714140 or go to www.haverhillartscentre.co.uk

Half-term fun at war museum

IMPERIAL War Museum Duxford has lots on offer for all the family this February half-term, with a host of activities every day between Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 21, bringing Second World War history to life. There's a *Make do and Mend on the Home Front* session where children can do hands-on craft activities creating wartime toys, propaganda posters and rag rugs. Meet a costumed interpreter acting the role of a member of the Local Defence Volunteers, or as they were known during the Second World War, Look-Duck-Vanish with *The Real Dad's Army*. Find out more about the role of the Home Guard, the secondary defence force against wartime invasion for Home Front Britain.

Or learn what it was like to fly in the legendary Lancaster bomber during the Second World War. Meet a costumed interpreter acting the role of a Lancaster rear turret gunner and hear all about life as a member of Bomber Command. Discover more about the aircraft and its crew, and hear about the dangerous missions flown. All activities are included in the standard admission to the museum and, as usual, children go free. No booking is required and all sessions are drop-in. For more information on what's on over half-term, phone the museum on (01223) 835 000 or go to www.iwm.org.uk/duxford

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Sherlock Holmes (12A): Daily 6pm (subtitled Mon), 8.45pm.
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The big film

BROTHERS (15, 104 mins) Drama.
Tobey Maguire, Natalie Portman, Jake Gyllenhaal, Sam Shepard, Mare Winningham, Bailee Madison, Taylor Geare, Carey Mulligan.
Director: Jim Sheridan.
ALL'S fair in love and war. In Jim Sheridan's English language remake of Susanne Bier's celebrated Danish drama *Brodre*, love is war as two siblings – polar opposites – are divided by their deep bond to the same woman. Like the original film, *Brothers* is distinguished by emotionally raw performances and an escalating tension as the characters' underlying rage and guilt gradually bubble to the surface. Shrugging off his Spider-Man costume, Tobey Maguire is a revelation as a soldier haunted by his experiences at the hands of the enemy, whose deep psychological wounds threaten to tear his family apart. Jake Gyllenhaal plies roguish charm as the black sheep of the family and Natalie Portman is in sparkling form as a doting mother, desperately searching for affection in the midst of grief. Depressingly, scenes set in Afghanistan are just as relevant today

as they were five years ago when Bier's picture collected numerous awards. Tommy Cahill (Gyllenhaal) is released from prison, having served his time for armed robbery. He begins to rebuild his life by re-establishing links with his parents Hank (Shepard) and Elsie (Winningham), who have always shown preference to his golden boy brother, Sam (Maguire). The first few days are difficult and Hank makes no bones about flaunting his admiration for Sam, a well-respected captain in the Marines, who is about to embark on his fourth tour of duty. However, Tommy gets to prove his

worth when Sam is dispatched to Afghanistan and his helicopter is shot down over enemy territory. With his sibling presumed dead, Tommy lends his support to Sam's beautiful wife, Grace (Portman), and her two daughters, Isabelle (Madison) and Maggie (Geare). Over time, Tommy and Grace grow incredibly close but their mutual attraction, which spills over into a single kiss, is quickly extinguished when Sam is found alive, having been held captive and tortured by the Taliban. Denials of an affair fall on deaf ears and it is only a matter of time before Sam declares war on the people he holds most dear. *Brothers* is an accomplished distillation of Bier's superior 2004 film. Performances are exemplary across the board, including a terrific supporting turn from youngster Madison as the daughter who resents her father's return and screams with tear-filled eyes: "I wish you'd stayed dead!" Maguire and Portman don't convince as childhood sweethearts but her on-screen chemistry with Gyllenhaal simmers nicely. Like the war in Afghanistan, which creates divisions in the Cahill household, there is no swift or neat resolution. The casualties are high.

Chance Pe Dance (Subtitled) (PG): Sun 4.15pm; Mon 6.50pm.
Coraline (PG): Sat 10am.
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG): Sat 10am.
Up (U): Sat 10am.

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Push By Sapphire (15): Daily except Sun 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm; Daily except Sun & Tue 1.30pm; Sun 12.30pm, 5.30pm, 8pm.
Up In The Air (15): Daily 6.50pm, 9.10pm; Daily except Sat 4.30pm;

Fri, Mon & Tue noon; Sun & Wed 2.10pm; Sat 4.40pm.
A Prophet (18): Daily 2pm; Daily except Thu 5.15pm, 8.30pm; Thu 8pm.
Road (15): Fri, Mon & Tue 2.10pm.

Tales From The Golden Age (12A): Daily 11.30am.
NT Live - Nalton (15): Sat 1.45pm.
Alliance Francaise - Read My Lips (15): Sun 11am.
Modern Times - The Avant Garde (15): Sun 3pm.
Silent Light (15): Tue 1.30pm.
The Revengers Tragedy (15): Thu 1pm.
The Intruder (15): Thu 5pm.
The Wild (U): Sat 11am.
The Wild (Autism Friendly Screening) (U): Sun 11am.

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Astro Boy (PG): Sat & Sun 11am, 1.15pm, 4.40pm, 6pm.
Edge Of Darkness (15): Daily 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.35pm, 9.10pm; Sun 11am.
Toy Story 2 In 3D (U): Sat & Sun 10.30am, 12.20pm, 2.20pm.
The Book Of Eli (15): Daily 6.20pm, 9pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 12.40pm.
Up In The Air (15): Daily 8.40pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 12.15pm, 3.10pm, 6pm.
Its Complicated (15): Daily 6pm, 8.50pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 12.30pm, 3.10pm.
Sherlock Holmes (12A): Daily 12.10pm, 2.50pm, 5.45pm, 8.40pm.
Alvin And The Chipmunks 2 - The Squeakquel (U): Daily except Sat & Sun 4.20pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm; Sat & Sun 4.20pm, 7.45pm.
St. Trinians 2 - The Legend Of Fritton's Gold (PG): Sat & Sun 1pm, 3.20pm; Sun 10.40am.
Coraline (PG): Sat 10am.
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG): Sat 10.15am.
Up (U): Sat 10.30am.

Planting survey says it's time to go back to basics

So, BBC *Gardeners' World* is going back to basics this year, replacing its trendy 60-minute format with the old 30-minute slots aimed at its core audience.

And judging by some recent research, it's about time we all went back to basics as far as growing our own is concerned.

Despite the rising popularity of the 'grow-your-own' movement, the majority of the population is in the dark about when to plant some of the most popular fruit and veg, according to research by *Gardeners' World* magazine, kicking off its Grow Yourself Healthy campaign for 2010.

Do you know exactly when to sow your runner beans, plant your onions and harden off tomatoes, or the best time for planting fruit trees and bushes?

Nearly 2,000 readers of BBC magazines were asked about the best time to plant 20 of the most popular crops. More than 50 per cent of those surveyed either had no idea or were



by Hannah Stephenson

incorrect on nine out of 10 fruits listed and six out of 10 vegetables.

This suggests a great deal more support will be needed if the nation's growers are to get the best results.

Adam Pasco, editor of *Gardeners' World* magazine, says: "It is perhaps not surprising that there is a great deal of ignorance about when to plant and grow, particularly given the 24/7 availability of so many vegetables and fruit in supermarkets.

"Perhaps this is also a reason many people are not as successful as they might be when giving it a go, but with the right knowledge, the results can be sensational."

The research found that people were least

knowledgeable about plums, with just one in five aware that October and November are the planting months, while only 30 per cent knew that the best time for planting blueberries is between October and March. And despite the popularity of growing raspberries in the UK, only 35 per cent knew when to plant them.

People had the most knowledge about strawberries, with more than half getting the planting season, between March and September, right.

Fruits which are best planted between October and March include apples, blackberries and tayberries, blackcurrants, cherries, gooseberries, elderberries, quince, red and whitecurrants.

With vegetables, only 26 per cent of people surveyed knew that May and June were the right months to plant out runner beans.

Onions and tomatoes were the vegetables people knew most about planting, sowing onions outdoors between February and June and planting outdoor tomato plants in May and June.

Veg which can be sown

outdoors from March onwards, depending on region (if you live in a cooler spot you may want to leave them until April) include beetroot, broad beans, Brussels sprouts, carrots, cabbages, leeks, peas and salad leaves.

Those who want to sow some early veg can do so indoors, with the help of a myriad of products including heated propagators, self-watering seed starting systems and light systems in which seed trays sit beneath a hood of fluorescent bulbs which provide the light needed for healthy vigorous growth.

Pasco says: "Many salads, herbs and crops can be sown indoors on a warm, bright windowsill or in a greenhouse. The earliest sowings during February and March will benefit from extra warmth that can be provided by using a small electric propagator, while keen gardeners can benefit from larger models providing greater space and temperature control.

"By April and May weather conditions will have warmed-up, and electric propagators are no longer essential, but



Grow your own: most respondents knew when to plant tomatoes and onions but had little knowledge of when to sow other vegetables and fruits.

remember that the later a crop is sown the later it will develop and mature.

"Even early outdoor sowings made during March and April will benefit from cloche or fleece covering to both warm the soil and provide shelter from cold conditions, especially at night."

BEST OF THE BUNCH Daphne

These deliciously scented winter flowering shrubs in shades of red-purple, pink, white and yellow, are a must for the winter garden, but make sure you plant them where their fragrance can be really appreciated. Flowers

may be followed by round white, pink, red, purple orange fruits. These shrubs, which can be deciduous, semi-evergreen or evergreen, can grow to 1.5m (12ft) although most are compact enough for even a small garden. They can be upright, bushy or prostrate in habit, all with neat, usually dark but sometimes variegated leaves.

Daphnes like reasonably fertile soil in sun or partial shade. They don't like their roots being disturbed and transplant badly, so buy container grown specimens and mulch the site annually with organic matter around the base to keep the roots cool and moist.

Codeword 9: Can you crack the code and solve the word puzzle? Each number relates to a letter and every letter of the alphabet is used at least once.

■ Last week's solution is below.

1	W	Q	D	4	Z	5	T	8	V	7	1	8	Y	P	C	N	L	13	U
14	B	K	O	J	A	X	G	M	F	R	H	S	E						

FOUR Ws

1. WHO...directed the 1968 film *Work Is A 4-Letter Word*?
2. WHO...do the five points on the white serrated band on the flag of Bahrain represent?
3. WHERE...in Asia are the cities of Panaji and Ranchi?
4. WHEN...did the horse Nicolaus Silver win the Grand National?
5. WHO...wrote the stage plays *Whose Life Is It*

Anyway? and The Petition?

- WHAT...Shakespeare play features the character Tullus Aufidius?
- WHERE...did the film director Luis Buñuel die in 1983?
- WHEN...did the Archie Comics comic book character Archie Andrews first appear?
3. WHO...recorded the 1953 No. 1 single *She Wears Red Feathers*?
- WHAT...post has Robin Orr

Blair held since 2001?

- WHERE...was the film director Terry Gilliam born?
- WHEN...was Ahmed Ben Bella elected as the first President of Algeria?
- Answers:** 1. Peter Hall; The five pillars of Islam; India; 1961. 2. Brian Clark; Coriolanus; Mexico City; 1941. 3. Guy Mitchell; The Lord Lyon King of Arms; Minnesota, US; 1963.

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Sudoku 85:

Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

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■ Last week's solution.

Crossword

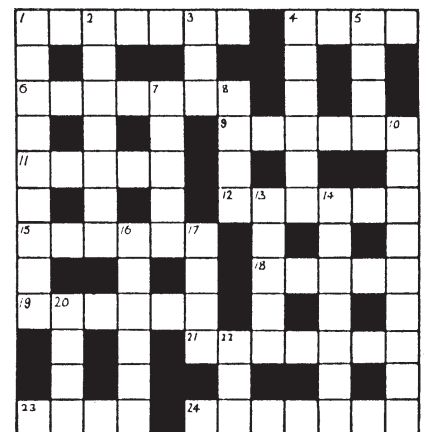
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Across

1. Act in play for each class. (7)
4. Boy with a dagger. (4)
6. Carry out by river? Charming! (7)
9. Boy discovering the Cancan? (6)
11. Opening from the East for the occasion. (5)
12. Article sketched by boy. (6)
15. Magazine for the gossip, excluding Tory leader. (6)
18. Get up around noon, and wash. (5)
19. Beam back at argument with Herb. (6)
21. Son hoists the bundles of corn. (7)
23. Master of the Stud. (4)
24. Soldier, single, to beg to put on another coat. (7)

Down

1. Soon the gift lay empty. (9)
2. Spin, etc. at random, to choose candidate again. (2-5)
3. Sailor's up at desert. (3)
4. Bothered to have mended socks. (6)
5. Rushed one to Queen. (4)



7. Assembly, note, about one, is bound to disengage. (5)
8. Put up your stake to find volcano. (4)
10. State of freshly-bought garment. (3,6)
13. Tend to like a shark? (5)
14. Read quickly, then drive across. (3,4)
16. Cyril's turned to writing songs. (6)
17. Sounds like a flower's grown in lines. (4)

20. Nearly everyone to become a singer. (4)
22. The man holds nothing but a garden tool. (3)

Solution to 2149: Across: 1. Pelt; 7. Cashew; 8. Page; 10. Irk; 11. Menaces; 12. Tin; 13. Peach; 17. Hears; 19. Moa; 21. Sausage; 22. Sou; 23. Spun; 25. Ruseful; 26. Inch. **Down:** 1. Paper; 2. Log; 3. Launch; 4. Shack; 5. Twister; 6. Making; 9. Emma; 14. Erasure; 15. Capulet; 16. Amused; 17. Hiatus; 18. Ages; 20. Ranch; 24. Pin.

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BBC1		BBC2		ITV		CHANNEL 4		five	
6.00	Breakfast.	6.00	Big Cook Little Cook.	6.00	GMTV.	6.00	The Treacle People.	6.00	Sunrise.
10.00	Saturday Kitchen.	6.20	Clifford.	9.25	The Planet's Funniest Animals.	6.10	The Hoobs.	7.00	Elmo's World.
11.35	Rachel Allen: Home Cooking.	6.35	Boo!	9.55	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.	7.00	Freestrops on 4.	7.15	Fireman Sam.
12.00	BBC News; Regional News; Weather.	6.45	Louie.	10.25	Popstar to Operastar.	7.30	World Sport.	7.30	Milkshake! Monkey
12.15	Football Focus.	7.00	Dennis and Gnasher.	11.55	News and Weather.	8.00	The Morning Line.	7.35	Chiro.
1.00	Australian Open Tennis. The women's singles final.	7.25	Sportsround.	12.05	FILM: K-9: PI (2003). Crime comedy sequel, starring James Belushi.	8.55	T4: Friends.	7.40	Make Way for Noddy.
2.00	Live Athletics. The annual team event at Kelvin Hall in Glasgow.	7.40	What's New Scooby-Doo?	1.50	FILM: Fletch Lives (1989). Comedy sequel, starring Chevy Chase.	9.55	T4: Glee.	7.55	Milkshake! Pop Box.
4.30	Final Score. Round-up of football results.	8.00	Richard Hammond's Blast Lab.	3.30	Best Ever Hidden Camera Stunts. Classic hoaxes.	10.55	T4: 4Music Favourites: Ke\$ha.	8.00	Hana's Helpline.
5.10	BBC News; Regional News; Weather.	8.30	Jump Nation.	4.30	News and Weather.	11.25	T4: Friends.	8.15	Mist: Sheepdog Tales.
5.30	Total Wipeout. 20 more contestants compete in physically demanding purpose-built obstacle course.	9.30	Prank Patrol.	5.00	FILM: Ice Age (2002). Animated adventure, with the voice of John Leguizamo.	11.55	T4: Celebrity Big Brother: The Final.	8.30	Adventures of Bottle Top Bill.
6.30	So You Think You Can Dance. The remaining eight hopefuls push their skills further in a bid to impress the judges.	10.00	Ed and Ouchie.	6.30	New You've Been Framed! A selection of camcorder calamities.	12.55	T4: Celebrity Big Brother: The Final.	8.50	Harry and His Bucket Full.
7.30	The National Lottery: In It to Win It.	10.30	Keep Your Enemies Close.	7.00	Harry Hill's TV Burp. The comedian looks back at the week's small-screen highlights.	1.55	Channel 4 Racing.	9.00	Olivia.
8.20	So You Think You Can Dance. The results, which sees the four dancers with the fewest viewer votes forced to perform their solo pieces for the judges.	11.00	The Slammer.	7.30	Take Me Out. A ballet dancer, an Irish barman, a magician and a Welsh actor try to impress 30 single women in the dating game.	3.55	Three Hungry Boys.	9.15	The Mr Men Show.
8.50	Casualty. May's father offers her the chance to cheat in an exam, but she is determined to prove she can do well without him.	11.30	Animals at Work.	8.30	All Star Mr & Mrs.	4.25	Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. Four instalments of the culinary competition.	9.30	Gerald McBoing Boing.
9.40	Live at the Apollo.	12.00	Greek.	9.30	FILM: Nine Months (1995). A child psychologist's well-ordered world begins to fall apart when his live-in girlfriend announces she is pregnant. Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant.	6.30	Channel 4 Freeze.	10.00	NFL UK.
10.10	BBC News; Weather.	12.45	BBC Switch: The 5:19 Show.	11.20	ITV News; Weather.	7.00	Britain's Big Freeze. As Britain experiences one of the coldest winters in decades, this documentary examines the reasons for the weather and also the consequences of it.	11.00	Extreme Fishing with Robson Green.
10.30	Match of the Day. Highlights of today's Premier League clashes.	1.05	BBC Switch: The Well.	11.35	FILM: The River (1984) Drama, starring Mel Gibson.	8.00	FILM: The Day After Tomorrow (2004). A climatologist warns climate change will soon result in destructive freak weather conditions. He thinks the world still has time to prepare but the crisis happens almost immediately. Disaster thriller.	12.00	Zoo Days.
11.50	The Football League Show.	2.00	BBC Switch: The Cut.	12.05	FILM: Pieces of April (2003). Comedy drama.	10.20	FILM: Pitch Black (2000). The survivors of a spaceship crash are attacked by nocturnal predators when an eclipse plunges the alien planet into darkness. Sci-fi horror.	12.20	FILM: Patch Adams (1998). Comedy drama.
1.05	Friday Night with Jonathan Ross.	2.45	FILM: The Journey of Natty Gann (1985). Disney adventure.	1.50	FILM: K-9: PI (2003). Crime comedy sequel, starring James Belushi.	11.55	T4: Celebrity Big Brother: The Final.	2.30	FILM: Cutaway (2000). Action thriller, starring Stephen Baldwin.
		4.20	Dolly Parton: Live from London.	2.00	All Saints.	12.55	Channel 4 News.	4.35	Five News.
		5.30	Dolly Parton: Platinum Blonde. Profile of the country singer.	2.45	FILM: The Journey of Natty Gann (1985). Disney adventure.	1.55	Channel 4 Racing.	4.45	FILM: The Postman (1997). Apocalyptic adventure.
		6.30	A History of Christianity.	3.00	QI XL.	3.55	Three Hungry Boys.	7.45	NCIS. Two Marines' wives are murdered.
		7.30	Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World. Examines the growth of Britain's empire in the late 18th century.	3.30	Heroes. A different side of Sylar emerges as he tries to remember the person he used to be.	4.25	Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. Four instalments of the culinary competition.	8.40	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Nick investigates a smash-and-grab, but feels frustrated at not being given more challenging cases.
		8.30	The Virtual Revolution.	4.00	The Virtual Revolution.	6.30	Channel 4 News.	9.40	CSI: NY.
		9.30	QI XL.	4.30	Best Ever Hidden Camera Stunts. Classic hoaxes.	7.00	Britain's Big Freeze. As Britain experiences one of the coldest winters in decades, this documentary examines the reasons for the weather and also the consequences of it.	10.40	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. The rape and murder of a student puts the detectives on the trail of a killer with an expert knowledge of forensics.
		10.15	Heroes. A different side of Sylar emerges as he tries to remember the person he used to be.	5.00	FILM: Ice Age (2002). Animated adventure, with the voice of John Leguizamo.	8.00	FILM: The Day After Tomorrow (2004). A climatologist warns climate change will soon result in destructive freak weather conditions. He thinks the world still has time to prepare but the crisis happens almost immediately. Disaster thriller.	11.35	Crime Scene Academy.
		11.00	FILM: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2005). Sci-fi comedy. Martin Freeman stars.	5.30	FILM: Ice Age (200				



Mrs Mandela
BBC2, Sunday, 10.50pm



Wild at Heart
ITV, Sunday, 8.30pm



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Channel Four, Sunday, 9pm



Vacancy
five, Sunday, 9pm

SUNDAY

BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	five
6.00 Breakfast.	6.00 Big Cook Little Cook.	6.00 GMTV.	6.00 The Hoobs.	6.00 Sunrise.
7.35 Match of the Day.	6.20 Clifford.	9.25 Coronation Street.	6.50 Beach Volleyball.	7.00 Elmo's World.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.	6.35 Boo!	11.45 News and Weather.	7.45 Running to the Limits.	7.15 Fireman Sam.
10.00 The Big Questions.	6.45 Louie.	11.55 FILM: Clockwise (1986). An obsessively punctual headmaster's trip turns into a frantic race against time after he catches the wrong train.	8.45 T4: The Hills.	7.30 Milkshake Monkey.
11.00 Country Tracks.	7.00 Dan's House.		9.10 T4: Friends.	7.35 Chiro.
12.00 The Politics Show.	7.30 Tracy Beaker Returns.		9.45 T4: Hollyoaks.	7.40 Make Way for Noddy.
1.00 Cash in the Attic.	8.00 Spirit Warriors.		12.20 T4: Cheryl Cole: Video Exclusive.	7.50 Milkshake! Bop Box.
1.45 'Allo 'Allo! Helena agrees to marry Herr Flick.	8.30 Live Australian Open Tennis. Coverage of the men's singles final from Melbourne Park.	1.45 FILM: Columbo: Dead Weight (1971). The detective suspects a renowned war hero is a killer, but has a hard time backing up his hunch. Crime drama.	12.25 T4: Beyonce: I Am Yours – An Intimate Performance from Wynn, Las Vegas.	7.55 The WatWots!
2.15 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica solves a voodoo murder.	12.00 Animal Park.		1.25 T4: Friends.	8.05 Hana's Helpline.
3.05 EastEnders. Omnibus.	12.30 Escape to the Country.		1.55 T4: Beyonce: For the Record.	8.15 Milt: Sheepdog Tales.
4.55 Songs of Praise. From Peterborough's KingsGate Community Church.	1.15 FILM: 3:10 to Yuma (1957). Western, with Glenn Ford and Van Heflin.	3.15 Agatha Christie's Poirot. A wealthy patriarch disinherits his son just before dying.	2.55 T4: 90210.	8.30 Adventures of Bottle Top Bill.
5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.	2.45 All Saints.	5.15 News and Weather.	3.45 T4: The Simpsons. Ned Flanders opens a shop.	8.50 Harry and His Bucket Full.
6.00 Countryfile.	3.30 Live Africa Cup of Nations Final. The showpiece match (Kick-off 4pm).	5.45 Harry Hill's TV Burp. The week's small-screen highlights.	4.15 T4: The Simpsons. Bart is befriended by mobsters.	9.00 Olivia.
7.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce takes the team to Bath's Assembly Rooms.	6.15 Ski Sunday. Graham Bell and Ed Leigh present highlights of the men's World Cup slalom race from Schladming, Austria, which took place under floodlights. Last in the series.	6.15 Dancing on Ice. The 11 remaining contestants skate to hits of the 1970s, hoping to wow the judges and viewers.	4.45 Deal or No Deal.	9.15 The Mr Men Show.
8.00 Lark Rise to Candleford. Measles spreads through the children of Lark Rise, and as the women find themselves caring for the sick, it becomes increasingly unlikely that the harvest will be gathered on time.	7.00 Lost Kingdoms of Africa. Art historian Gus Casely-Hayford traces the origins of the Nubia kingdom back to 10,000BC.	8.30 Wild at Heart. Danny confides in Du Plessis that he intends to ask Alice to marry him, but the arrival of his stepdaughter Olivia threatens to derail his plans.	5.35 Glee. Kurt plays football to impress his father.	9.35 Gerald McBoing Boing.
9.00 Seven Ages of Britain. David Dimbleby traces 2,000 years of history through the art and artefacts that chart the social, political and cultural development of Britain.	8.00 The Best of Top Gear. A compilation of the teams' finest moments from the past year, featuring challenges and stunts.	9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two couples who have gained the least support from viewers skate again to stay in the competition.	6.30 Channel 4 News.	10.00 Hannah Montana.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.	9.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. Examining the diverse waterways of the Great Rift Valley in East Africa.	10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather. (T) 286986	7.00 The Bible: A History. War correspondent Ragesh Omar studies Abraham, regarded as a unifying ancestor of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths.	10.05 Wizards of Waverly Place.
10.25 Would I Lie to You?	10.00 Match of the Day 2.	10.15 The South Bank Show Awards.	8.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. Jan Leeming, ex-EastEnders star David Spinx, Donal MacIntyre and singer Javine Hylton take turns hosting what they hope will be the perfect dinner party.	11.10 Zoo Days.
10.55 FILM: Seraphim Falls (2006). Western thriller.	10.50 Mrs Mandela.	11.40 FILM: De-Lovely (2004). Biopic of composer Cole Porter.		11.20 A Concert with Andre Rieu.
12.45 Sion Zone: Dear Diary.	12.25 The Persuasionists.	1.50 FILM: When God Ghoulz Go Bad (2001) Fantasy comedy.	6.00 The Bible: A History. War correspondent Ragesh Omar studies Abraham, regarded as a unifying ancestor of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths.	11.25 Top Trumps: All Terrain Vehicles.
				12.05 Ice Road Truckers.
				1.35 Dreams Come True: A Celebration of Disney Animation.
				2.35 Mickey and the Seal.
				2.40 FILM: Prince Charming (2001) Fairy-tale fantasy.
				4.35 Mickey Mouse: Lonesome Ghosts.
				4.40 FILM: Aladdin (1992). Animated adventure.
				6.35 Five News.
				6.40 FILM: Superman III (1983). Comic-book adventure sequel.
				9.00 FILM: Vacancy (2007). Horror.
				10.45 FILM: The Blair Witch Project (1998). Horror.
				12.20 Urban Legends.

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Jamie scales Kilimanjaro for charity

INTREPID estate agent Jamie Curtis is facing the challenge of a lifetime as he prepares to climb Mount Kilimanjaro – the tallest free-standing mountain in the world.

Jamie, 41, of TuckerGardner in Histon, is usually seen working at his desk or showing clients around properties but on February 25, he will be donning his rucksack and climbing gear and climbing nearly 6,000 metres for The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA).

"I'd never even climbed a hill before last summer," says Jamie.

"Now I'm training most days in the gym and have had several trips in Snowdonia and the Lake District.

"You can often see me on three-hour walks with my rucksack weighed down with books.

"The charity does excellent work both in the UK and worldwide for the welfare and protection of animals, many of which have been subject to cruelty, abandonment and neglect."

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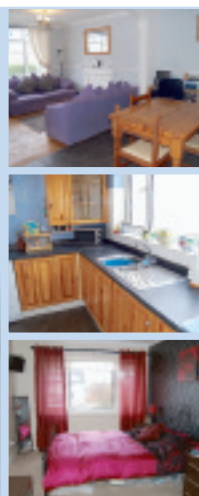
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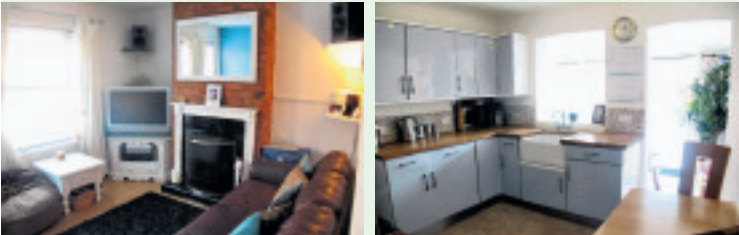
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Kedington **£139,950**
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• Double glazing • Gas central heating • Front and rear gardens



Haverhill **£89,950**
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Haverhill **£104,950**
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Haverhill **£119,950**
A beautifully presented and generous two bedroom house, nicely situated in a private position on the popular parkway development.



Haverhill **PCM £595**
A modern two bedroom house located in a popular and private central location.
• Two Bedrooms • Kitchen / Breakfast Room • Sitting Room • Drive for Several Vehicles



Haverhill **PCM £625**
A spacious two bedroom house unusually benefitting from two reception rooms, located on the Cambridge side of town.



Kedington **PCM £795**
An attractive three bedroom located in an excellent position overlooking open fields.
• Lounge/Diner • Two Bathrooms • Conservatory • Off Road Parking

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Wickambrook

£195,000

A spacious two bedroom detached bungalow, set at the head of a popular cul-de-sac. It is located within good proximity of the village amenities and has the benefit of being sold with no onward chain.

- Two double bedrooms • Sitting room
- Fitted kitchen/diner • Conservatory



FEATURE HOME



Haverhill

£249,950

An exceptionally well located and extended four bedroom detached family home, benefiting from three excellent reception rooms, a generous kitchen/breakfast room and is nicely situated on the edge of the development adjacent to Great Wilsey Farm. 138 sq.m. (1485 sq.ft).



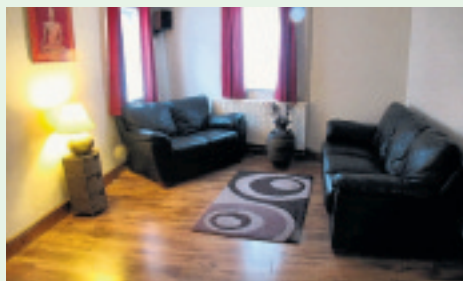
NEW



Haverhill

£124,950

An excellent period cottage, located in a prime central location within a short walk from town centre. The property benefits from a pleasant and generous sitting / dining room with an attractive feature fire place.



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Haverhill **£250,000**
An extended and beautifully presented 1960's four/five bedroom detached family home, located in a highly desirable central position. The property benefits from beautiful expansive gardens, and versatile living accommodation. • Four / Five Bedrooms • Three Reception Rooms • Conservatory • Attractive Fitted Kitchen • Garage And Parking



Haverhill **£249,950**
A delightful detached three bedroom bungalow, located on the highly desirable Roman Way development.



Kedington **£229,950**
A spacious extended chalet-style home, offering generous and versatile living accommodation, with 3 first floor bedrooms and 3 ground floor reception rooms, located in the heart of the popular village of Kedington. 123 sq.m. (1323 sq.ft.).



Kedington **£149,950**
A carefully improved, former 3 bedroom semi-detached bungalow in a pleasant elevated position with garage and driveway to the rear. Enlarged by a UPVC conservatory. • 2 bedrooms • Refitted kitchen • Utility Room / Bed 3 • Sitting room • Conservatory



Haverhill **£147,500**
A recently renovated and attractive 1930's two bedroom house, located in one of Haverhill's most desirable central locations. The property benefits from a newly fitted kitchen and bathroom as well as off street parking. 61 sq.m. (656 sq.ft.).



Haverhill **£114,950**
A recently refurbished, pleasant cottage in a popular town centre location. The property benefits from a refitted kitchen and bathroom suite and is offered for sale with no onward chain. • Two Independent Bedrooms • Open Plan Lounge/Diner • Fitted Kitchen • Gas Radiator Heating



Haverhill **£109,950**
A rarely available one bedroom modern terraced house in a pleasant position in the highly popular Hanchett Village area on the western outskirts of the town. With neat lawned garden, garage and parking.



Haverhill **£104,950**
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Broad Street £249,950

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Chapelwint Road £245,000

Deceptively spacious townhouse, ground floor shower room, three/four bedrooms, three/four reception rooms, two en-suite shower rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, front & rear gardens, garage and parking.



Ridgewell £229,950

Popular village location. Extended semi-detached property. Three bedrooms, lounge, separate dining room, family room, re-fitted kitchen, utility room, good size rear garden. Countryside views.



Monarch Close £217,500

Detached family residence, ground floor cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, four bedrooms, en-suite to master bedroom, delightful rear garden, garage and driveway.

new listing



Ganwick Close £215,000

Much improved detached family residence. Ground floor cloakroom, lounge, family room/study, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, UPVC conservatory, four bedrooms.



Great Yeldham £205,000

Popular North Essex village, semi detached family house, lounge, kitchen/dining room, PVCU conservatory, three bedrooms, PVCU double glazing, garage & carport, extensive gardens.

no chain **new listing**



Hudson Close £199,950

Pleasant detached family house, ground floor cloakroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms, family bathroom, delightful gardens.



Gurlings Close £187,500

Delightful detached bungalow, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, PVCU conservatory and double glazing, two bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, detached garage and delightful gardens.

new listing **no chain**



Withersfield £175,000

Popular Suffolk village, character cottage, mid terrace property, two/three bedrooms, kitchen, lounge, vaulted ceiling to bedroom one, driveway, generous garden, no onward chain.



KEDINGTON £165,000

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Hawthorn Road £157,500

Well presented semi detached family house, lounge, kitchen/ dining room, ground floor cloakroom, three bedrooms, family bathroom, gardens and detached garage.

new listing



Hales Barn Road £144,995

Well presented end of terrace, ground floor cloakroom, fitted kitchen, lounge/ dining room, two double bedrooms, bathroom with Aqualisa shower, front & rear gardens, parking to rear elevation, UPVC double glazing.

no chain



Crowland Road £144,950

Extended end of terrace property. Lounge, kitchen/diner, family room, utility area, refitted bathroom, three bedrooms, un-overlooked rear garden, independent driveway providing ample casual parking.



Honeysuckle Close £142,500

Popular residential location, semi detached family residence, lounge, kitchen, dining room, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, UPVC double glazing, early inspection recommended.

no chain



Stockley Close £137,950

Popular residential location, well presented end-terrace, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/dining room, 2 bedrooms, shower room, landscaped rear garden, allocated parking. No onward chain.



Stradishall £129,995

Popular village location. Kitchen/dining room, utility room, three bedrooms, front & rear gardens.

let agreed



Eastern Avenue £625 pcm

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to let



Meadowsweet Close £595 pcm

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let agreed



Coupals Road £575 pcm

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Jay Close £525 pcm

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COUPALS CLOSE HAVERHILL


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£495pcm

STATION ROAD HAVERHILL


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£650pcm

THE TERRACE CAVENDISH


2 bed mid terrace, lounge, d/room, kitchen, bathroom, carpets, storage heaters, garden & on road parking, no pets

£525pcm

PARR ROAD HAVERHILL


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THE TERRACE CAVENDISH


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Orchard Close

Two bedrooms, entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, front and rear gardens, single garage.



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Cross Close

Four bedroom detached property includes lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, bathroom, ensuite and fully double glazed windows.



OIEO £225,000



Ruffles Road

Four bedrooms, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, en-suite, bathroom, single garage, no onward chain.



£174,995



Larks Close

One bedroom mid terrace property includes lounge, kitchen, bathroom and front & rear gardens. Viewing highly recommended.

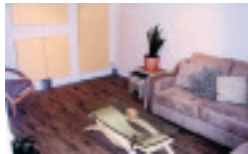


£103,000



Chalkstone

Three bedroom mid terrace property located on the Chalkstone development. Comprising entrance porch/utility room, cloakroom, dining area, conservatory, kitchen, lounge, bathroom and front & rear gardens.



£125,000



Bartlow Place

Three bedroom mid terrace property includes cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, dining area, bathroom and front & rear gardens. Viewing recommended.



£124,995



Cornish Close

Two bedroom semi detached property includes lounge dining room, kitchen, bathroom, front & rear gardens and off road parking.



£189,950



Birdbrook

Three bedroom end of terrace property, comprising lounge, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage en bloc.



£175,000



Reynolds Close

Two bedroom mid terrace property located on the Cambridge side of town. Accommodation includes kitchen, lounge, front and rear gardens and single garage.



OIEO £132,500



Castle Camps

Six bedroom semi detached bungalow with off road parking. Accommodation comprises lounge/dining area, conservatory/sun room and galley kitchen.



£140,000



Westward Deals

Four bedroom link detached property includes cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, bathroom, front & rear gardens and single garage.



OIEO £182,500



Nosterfield End

Six bedroom semi detached property includes 2 en-suites, lounge, study, cloakrooms, dining room, kitchen, work room, gardens and garages.

£489,950



The Holdens, Withersfield Road

An extended four bedroom 19th century detached cottage with views over open fields and farmland. Comprising kitchen dining room, cloakroom, utility room.

£350,000



Reydon Close

Four bedroom house on popular development. Accommodation comprises Two reception rooms, conservatory, bathroom and en-suite, garage and gardens.

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Cloak, Gardens.

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Wickhambrook

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Accommodation includes entrance hall/utility, kitchen/dining room, sitting room, bathroom and two double bedrooms. With garage and parking.



NEW



Burwell

£209,995

A modern and well presented family home located to the outskirts of this much sought after village.

Accommodation includes entrance hall, open plan lounge/diner, kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bedroom 4/study and family bathroom.

NEW



Newmarket

£189,995

A charming older style period property within easy reach of Newmarket High Street. No onward chain.

Accommodation includes entrance hall, spacious living room/dining room, refitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a first floor bathroom.

NEW



Newmarket

£161,950

An immaculately presented modern end of terrace property located on the sought after part of town. No chain.

Accommodation includes living room, kitchen/breakfast room, two good size bedrooms and a family bathroom. Benefits from off road parking.

NEW



Great Bradley

£199,995

A modern and detached family home standing on the edge of this established development and located within this picturesque village.

Well presented the accommodation includes entrance porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, refitted kitchen, living room with separate dining room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.





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Astra at large

Entranced by latest treat

IT'S here!

The new Astra – the sixth generation of the stalwart small family hatch – is now in showrooms around the region, and a quick runaround recently confirms that the latest incarnation is a car for all purposes and quite possibly master of some, *writes Mike Scialom.*

A spread of engine options – five petrol, three diesels – and trim – five variations in total – is available now for this five-door medium hatch, with estate and three-door variants to follow. The price list of cars on sale now runs to 33 models, so there should be something for a city-only driver, to a family owner, to the hatch enthusiast.



Welcome: The new Vauxhall Astra has a feline grace which competitors lack.

The demonstrator at Murketts is the SRi, a 1.7-litre diesel which delivers 122bhp. Prices on the new range kick in at £16,011 for the 1.4 16v VVT (85bhp), rising to a wallet-emptying £24,205 for the 2.0CDTi 16v auto.

Fortunately, the first thing you notice is that you get more car for your cash – at seven inches higher and three inches longer, this is a very accommodating vehicle for the passengers in the rear. And the front seats can be adjusted to easily suit anyone more than 6ft tall.

On the road, the new Astra possesses a certain feline grace which the diesel unit does nothing to dispel. The comfort levels in the sixth generation model are high, with ride quality right up there – you could be forgiven for thinking you're in a Volvo. But one market which the new flagship won't be appealing to is the opportunistic boy racer car thief – the handbrake is now a little electronic widgeon on the console, and it's not clear until you look at the instrument panel whether it's locked on or not. Bang go those handbrake turns! In any case you'd have to work the six-speed gearbox like The Stig on a couple of pints of Red Bull to do a fast

getaway, because the power is delivered rather slowly to the wheels and it's not until you're higher up the rev band that there's enough shunt on it to break any speed laws. I guess Vauxhall can afford to let go of the hot hatch sector – there's lots of other punters who'll be more than delighted at the overall quality and direction that this latest offering has gone in.

No worries otherwise. This sector needs a vehicle like the new Astra – a properly sophisticated car with a cabin that takes its cues from the hugely successful Insignia, and handling that is equally at ease in a tight city street as out there on the motorway wastelands.

The main achievement that this Astra pulls off with aplomb is to go off in a slightly different direction from the Focus. What you have here is a vehicle that is for the most part sensibly priced (ie it undercuts the Golf and Focus stranglehold) and will appeal to wise-buyers who wants to be entranced when they get into their motor – with performance to match.

For further information or a test drive contact Murketts Vauxhall on (01223) 716600 or online at www.murketts.co.uk.

Toyota launches revised Yaris

THE 2010 models of Toyota's popular Yaris supermini have just gone on UK sale, complete with revised styling and improved specifications.

The new Yaris costs from £10,256. Details from Cambridge Toyota on (01223) 271127.

Meanwhile, with the Government-supported Scrappage scheme drawing to a close next month, Toyota has launched a new "Swappage" scheme, allowing customers to snap up a £2,000 saving on the price of an

eligible new Yaris, Auris or Avensis. What's more, unlike the Scrappage scheme, Swappage is open to owners of vehicle between seven and 10 years old, that is those registered between March 1 2000 (W-plate) and February 28 2003 (52-plate). And, as the name Swappage implies, the vehicles that are traded will not necessarily be sent for end-of-life recycling.

Full details from Toyota Centres and www.toyota.co.uk.



Revised: The 2010 Toyota Yaris.

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Top off-roaders listed

THE wintry weather has led to a surge in the number of drivers wanting off-road 4x4 vehicles, it was revealed last week.

As many as 18 per cent of motorists are looking to buy a 4x4 this year, according to website Compucars.

In contrast, just 5 per cent hope to purchase a small car, such as an Audi TT, a Mini or a Ford Ka.

Nearly 15 per cent are planning to buy a compact executive car such as the BMW 3 Series, with 13 per cent going for a lower medium-sector vehicle such as the Volkswagen Golf and 11 per cent keen on an upper medium-sector car such as the Ford Mondeo.

Compucars group marketing manager Rob Queen said: "It is no surprise that 4x4s are the most popular choice for motorists searching for their next car, given the dreadful winter driving conditions that UK motorists have been faced with in the past few weeks.

"The number of 4x4s viewed on Compucars rose 9.3 per cent in December versus November."

Meanwhile, Warranty Direct has revealed the most – and least – reliable pre-owned 4x4 and SUV cars on the market.

Audi's A6 Allroad fared worst, with more than half recording a fault in a typical year. A third of those problems reported were suspension-related.

At the other end of the scale, Honda's CR-V was revealed as the off-roader least likely to let you down, followed by the Suzuki Grand Vitara and Toyota's RAV4. Mitsubishi and Kia make it a clean sweep for Far Eastern makers in the top five.

Warranty Direct's study used its unique Reliability Index (www.reliabilityindex.co.uk), which takes into account how often vehicles break down, average repair cost and time spent in the garage to calculate its overall reliability. The lower the Reliability Index number, the more reliable the car.

The top 10 4x4/SUVs in the survey – including average repair cost and reliability index rating – were:

1. Honda CR-V (01-06) £239.63 23.10
2. Suzuki Grand Vitara

- (98-05) £219.43 33.01
3. Toyota RAV4 (00-06) £330.58 42.69
4. Mitsubishi Shogun (00-07) £595.58 47.53
5. Kia Sorento (03-) £332.34 59.36
6. Nissan Terrano II (93-06) £277.25 62.81
7. Land Rover Freelander (03-06) £370.23 66.11
8. Lexus RX300 (03-09) £571.60 68.69
9. Nissan X-Trail (01-) £433.18 73.69
10. Toyota Land Cruiser (03-) £525.01 82.78

The highest-placed European car is the newer incarnation of perennial 4x4 favourite, Land Rover's Freelander, which has traditionally fared badly in Warranty Direct's studies.

Warranty Direct's Duncan McClure Fisher said: "It's promising to see improvement from Land Rover's flagship model, but it's telling that the bottom 10 is dominated by European cars, and the top of the list populated largely by Japanese vehicles, which still hold sway overall. The biggest surprise must surely be the poor performance of the XC90. I'm signing cheques every day on XC90 repairs."

With an average repair cost of £595.58, the



Winner: Honda CR-V needs minimal repairs.

Mitsubishi Shogun (00-07) is the most expensive to fix but thankfully has a low incidence rate, with just under 8 per cent per year suffering a glitch.

And the bottom 10 4x4/SUVs were:

1. Audi A6 Allroad (00-05) £516.03 281.60
2. Volkswagen Touareg (03-) £567.92 194.01
3. BMW X5 (00-) £517.30 193.36
4. Jeep Cherokee (01-08) £522.40 155.72
5. Volvo XC90 (02-) £522.83 153.88
6. Land Rover Range Rover (02-) £493.59 140.96
7. Land Rover Discovery (98-04) £332.17 120.11
8. Mercedes M-Class (98-05) £393.01 119.85
9. Land Rover Discovery (04-) £405.10 119.44
10. Volvo XC70 (00-07) £429.53 115.21

The analysis is based on Warranty Direct's database of 150,000 policies on cars between three and eight years old.

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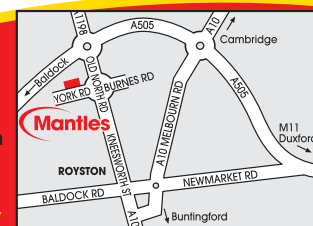


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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a)
THE A14 TRUNK ROAD (VARIOUS LAYBY CLOSURES, THRAPSTON AND TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTINGDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A14 Trunk Road at Thrapston and Titchmarsh in Northamptonshire and Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire, to enable works to improve disability access for vehicles on 5 laybys to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place between Monday 22 February and Wednesday 31 March 2010. The Order would come into force on 15 February 2010 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months

The effect of the Order would be to close, in turn, the laybys adjacent to the A14 -

- (a) eastbound carriageway situated -
- 320 metres east of its junction with the entry slip road leading from the A14/A45/A605 Thrapston Interchange (J13),
 - 720 metres east of its junction with Polpit by Titchmarsh (J14), and
 - 850 metres north of its junction with the exit slip road leading to the A14/A141 Spittals Interchange Huntingdon (J23); and
- (b) westbound carriageway situated -
- 400 metres west, and
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Each layby would be closed for 24 hours daily for a maximum period of 3 days.

The temporary layby closures (which would not apply to works vehicles) would be clearly signed throughout the works.

MRS A V MIDDLETON
An official of the Highways Agency

General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to John Dornard at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW or by telephoning 01234 796087.

Public Notice

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE SECRETARY OF STATE hereby gives notice that he proposes to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of an eastern part width of Mill Lane, comprising highway verge, abutting the western boundary of Mill Cottage at Littlebury, Saffron Walden in the District of Uttlesford.

IF THE ORDER IS MADE, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable the development described in the Schedule to this notice to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted to Mr & Mrs S Mathias by Uttlesford District Council on 13th October 2009 under reference UTT/1046/09/FUL.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT ORDER AND RELEVANT PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED at all reasonable hours during 28 days commencing on 28 January 2010 at Uttlesford District Council, Democratic Services, Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4ER and may be obtained free of charge from the Secretary of State at the offices of the Department for Transport (quoting reference NATTRAN/E/S247/94) at the address stated below.

ANY PERSON MAY OBJECT to the making of the proposed order within the period of 28 days commencing on 28 January 2010 by notice to the Secretary of State, quoting the above reference, addressed to the National Transport Casework Team, Government Office for the North East, Citygate, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4WH.

In preparing an objection it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be imparted to other persons who may be affected by it and that those persons may wish to communicate with the objector about it.

RAY OLDFIELD
On behalf of the Department for Transport
THE SCHEDULE

Planning permission is granted for removal of highway rights across front garden and driveway and change of use to garden at Mill Cottage, Mill Lane, Littlebury.

GOVERNMENT OFFICES FOR THE REGIONS.

Public Notices

Hertfordshire County Council

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ROYSTON RAILWAY CROSSING)
SUPPLEMENTARY COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2010
COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE DISTRICT OF
NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE

Notice is hereby given that Hertfordshire County Council has made The Hertfordshire County Council (Royston Railway Crossing) Supplementary Compulsory Purchase Order 2010 under sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980.

It is about to submit this order to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation, and if confirmed, the order will authorise Hertfordshire County Council to purchase compulsorily the land described below for the purpose of:

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DESCRIPTION OF LAND

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Signed:
Kathryn Pettitt
Chief Legal Officer
Hertfordshire County Council
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Haverhill Leisure Centre

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>> Girls' football

Six of the best from Rovers

Haverhill Rovers 6 Bottisham 0
S-Tech Cambs Girls League, under-15

HAVERHILL shared the goals around as they made up for their five-week break with a six-goal blitz. Charlotte Westrope thought she had broken the deadlock minutes after the start, but her effort was chalked off for offside. Bottisham's reprieve lasted barely two minutes before Katie Schulz's powerful cross was parried into the net by the keeper.

Westrope got her name on the scoresheet with the second, and Stacey Roper and Sarah Lister made it 4-0 at the break.

Although Bottisham tried to rally, they found keeper Rachel Jeffs in good form, and Roper snuffed out their hopes with a penalty.

Kama Jenkins missed a chance to mark her birthday with a goal when her penalty was saved, but Westrope wrapped it up with the sixth.

■ The under-15s are still looking for new players. Anyone interested should call Steve Hull on 07759016470 or go to www.haverhillroversyfc.co.uk

>> Youth rugby



On the run: David Simms makes a break for Haverhill under-15s.

Enzo back with bang

UNDER-10

Haverhill v Royston
HAVERHILL made a cracking start to the year, hammering Royston by an aggregate 50-5 from their two games.

Some solid defensive work from Charlie Brown and Kit Browne gave them the platform to go on and win the first game 20-5. Skipper Tyler Neil broke through for the first try, and although Royston levelled, Haverhill's scrum – well directed by scrum-half Steven Adams – provided possession for further tries from Oliver Cooper and Jack Sizer. Jordan Newman rounded things off with a fine individual try in the corner.

The forward line of Euwan Belenger, Browne, Brown and Matt Paske controlled the second game which Haverhill won 30-0.

Oliver Cooper and Kit Browne both scored, but the plaudits belonged to Enzo Grandenetti, who marked his return to the club by scoring a hat-trick.

Newman again finished things off with a sparkling individual try in the corner.

UNDER-15

Ely 48 Haverhill 0

THE result of this match was decided after the first six

minutes. Although Haverhill looked strong and aggressive in their first training session for five weeks a few days earlier, they were swept aside by a team who were even stronger than in their first meeting in the autumn.

They punished every Haverhill mistake and only a defiant performance from the visitors kept the score down.

UNDER-EIGHT

Haverhill v Royston

A STRONG Royston squad fielded two sides for three matches at Haverhill and broke the home side's unbeaten record.

Haverhill kept the first matches close – thanks to excellent defensive work from Luke Wheeler, Emma Jo Hines and Oliver Loveridge – and they finished level at 3-3 and 4-4, the tries coming from Hayden Rhys (4), John Adams (2) and a superb effort from Oscar Howard.

But, although they took a 4-3 lead in the final match after good turnover work from Harry Rhys and a darting run from Aidan Denty, they tired and lost 9-5. Their scorers were Rhys, Adams (2), Charlie Harvey and William Atherton.

>> Youth football

Haverhill Rov 9 Boxford Rov 0
Umbro Suffolk FA Boys under-15
Minor Cup

HAVERHILL Rovers took the initiative from the first whistle and ran out comfortable winners.

Bishop set the ball rolling after 10 minutes and two goals from Gathercole put them in charge before the break.

Any hopes of a comeback were snuffed out by Robson's diving header. Kennedy smashed home the fifth and Sanjay made it six after Haines' free kick came back off the bar.

Jarid, Bishop and Gathercole, with his hat-trick goal, completed the rout.

Histon Hornets 1 West Wrating 0
Cambridge and District Colts League, under-14A

WEST WRATING produced a battling display in what is always one of their most challenging fixtures.

There were several contenders for their man-of-the-match award – keeper Jack Vernon made several good saves, Jack Child was a rock at the back, while Harry Willett and Cameron Biggs also impressed.

However, skipper Liam Curran got the nod for an outstanding display in defence and his efforts going forward.

Wrating had their chances through Tom Pinker and James Percy, but the leaders got the only goal in the second half, Nat Sandy converting after a disputed free kick.

West Wrating 5 S&SS 1

Under-13 friendly

AGAINST lower-ranked opposition, West Wrating could have taken their opposition lightly.

But the Qualitape UK-sponsored side gave their rivals the utmost respect and went through all the gears before running out convincing winners thanks to goals from Harvey Scotton (2), Leon Bailey, Tyke Flanagan and Earle Lambert.

Goal of the game game from former Wrating player Flanagan, who was playing as a

Gathercole treble leads a goal rush

guest and it helped earn him the joint man-of-the-match award with right-winger Leon Bailey.

Milton 3 Castle Camps 5
Cambridge and District Colts League, under-11A

CAMPS battled back after surviving an early long-ball bombardment which left them 2-0 down after just 10 minutes.

They were on level terms by the break, thanks to goals from Kane Robson and Finlay Fletcher, and then took over.

Owen Thompson had a golden 10 minutes when he scored twice, and although Milton pulled a goal back, Thompson polished off a good move to complete his hat-trick and put the game out of reach.

St Ives Rangers A 4 West Wrating 2
Cambridge and District Colts League, under-12 quarter-finals

WEST WRATING stormed into a two-goal lead against a side who have only last once all season – and that was against the visitors. However, the Rangers' pressure told in the end and they managed to kill the tie off.

Although under pressure from the start, Wrating made the breakthrough when Jack Harvey was brought down in the area and Charlie Ripp despatched the penalty.

And soon after the restart Charlie Ellam's superb pass put

Ellis Wiffen through and he finished neatly.

St Ives quickly responded and then levelled from a penalty. And with Wrating finding chances few and far between, the hosts pulled clear.

Haverhill Rov 4

Steeple Bumpstead 49ers 2
Cambridge and District Colts League, under-11 first round

ROVERS completed a quick double over Steeple Bumpstead after beating them in the league the previous week.

The 49ers took an early lead when a long-range lob eluded stand-in keeper John Burrell, but Rovers were soon level after good interplay between Kai Farrant and Billy Campbell set up man-of-the-match Chinno Nikem-Paul.

The same player gave Rovers the lead with another low drive and, although Jordan Hopkins and Scott Jessop went close, Farrant stretched their advantage with a smart volley. And they rounded off the game in style with a good goal from Jessop.

■ The previous week Rovers beat Bumpstead 5-1 with a performance which defied the bog-like nature of the pitch.

Charlie Stephens, Farrant (2), Billy Campbell and Ben Bradnam scored the goals for a side who also missed a penalty.

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>> Rugby Union

Haverhill charge on after early try scare

Haverhill 18
Hadleigh 12
Eastern Counties League, Division Two
CAPTAIN Ryan Raffell grabbed Haverhill's third and final try as they maintained their 100 per cent league record at Hadleigh.
A quick tap penalty from Hadleigh helped them take the lead with a converted try, but with a flowing move going through all the backs, Haverhill replied with a try from Adam Hunt, with Simon Lester providing the final pass. Prop Grant Deeks crashed over in the corner on 28 minutes to make it 10-7, and Mark Jury's 45m penalty made it 13-7 at half time.
Haverhill's final score came from Raffell, who broke from the back of the scrum and threw a dummy pass before crossing the line.
Hadleigh replied with a consolation try. "The scoreline flattered them really," said Raffell. "They weren't anywhere near us to be fair, but it took us to be scored against to kick into gear."

>> Golf

Gritty show

THE Coupsals Road course was in excellent condition, despite the ravages of the weather, and contributed to some good scores for the Haverhill club's men's medal competition.
Russell Gritty won on countback with a nett 62 from Francis Gooch while Eamonn Bareham, the winner of Division One, had the lowest gross score of 73.
Division One: 1 Eamonn Bareham 73-6-67, 2 Garry Baird 80-11-69, 3 Gordon Price 79-10-69.
Division Two: 1 Russell Gritty 78-16-62, 2 Mark Barrett 79-16-63, 3 James Bowser 84-19-65.
Division Three: 1 Francis Gooch 89-27-62, 2 Lewis Whitting 89-23-66, 3 Ellis Woko 94-24-70.

>> Boxing

Ring of hope

THE Haverhill club is on a recruitment drive, looking for new members in the 11 to 18-years age bracket.
The fully-affiliated ABA club, which has three ABAE qualified coaches, trains on Tuesdays and Thursdays at their premises on the Puddlebrook playing fields.
Further information from Jason (07711 474377) or Paul (07802 901734).

>> Football



Marc Abbott: Opened the scoring when his shot was deflected in

It's our best of season – Betts

Haverhill Rovers 2 Stanway Rovers 0

Ridgeons League, Premier Division
PETER Betts was delighted to see his Haverhill side come through a stern test at home to high-flying Stanway Rovers.

With Neil Cogger back at Hamlet Croft, Haverhill broke the deadlock in the 18th minute through Marc Abbott's deflected shot.

Stuart Wardley's penalty on half time, awarded for handball, doubled the lead.

Shaun Banham and Harry Halls both went close to extending the lead as Haverhill finished the match strongly.

"That was the best we've played all season, especially in the first half," said Betts.

"They picked up their game a bit in the second half but we still had more chances."

>> Latest table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CRC	23	19	3	1	67	15	60
Needham Mkt	24	17	5	2	55	22	56
Leiston	25	17	2	6	64	30	53
Stanway Rovers	22	13	4	5	51	21	43
Mildenhall Tn	21	12	2	7	45	38	38
Felix & W Utd	23	11	5	7	34	40	38
Kirkley & Pakefield	19	11	3	5	35	19	36
Dereham Town	23	10	4	9	45	38	34
Wroxham	19	9	5	5	34	25	32
Debenham LC	22	10	2	10	37	36	32
Hadleigh Utd	23	8	7	8	32	42	31
Wisbech Town	21	9	5	7	37	31	30
Haverhill Rovers	22	8	6	8	33	36	30
Walsham Le Willows	23	8	5	10	38	37	29
Newmarket Tn	24	8	3	13	44	42	27
Histon Res	22	8	4	10	39	50	27
Ely City	22	7	5	10	36	43	26
Norwich Utd	24	6	6	12	37	42	24
Woodbridge Tn	24	3	0	21	23	69	9
Wivenhoe	22	1	3	18	11	57	6
Harwich & Pktn	22	0	1	21	12	76	1

Haverhill travel to Kirkley & Pakefield on Saturday before a home clash against Harwich and Parkeston on Tuesday. Both are league games.

Murray's hat-trick hurts Hundon

Great Shelford 4 Hundon 2
Kershaw League, Premier Division
GOALS from Craig Cutts and Nathan Copsay were not enough to prevent Hundon slipping to defeat at Great Shelford.
Shelford's Benny Murray fired home with his left foot from the edge of the area before Cutts levelled for the visitors.
A right-foot strike from Murray after Calum Gawthrope had flicked on keeper Phil Peachey's long ball put

the hosts back in front before Murray completed his treble by nodding home Karl Metcalfe's cross.
Substitute Copsay reduced the arrears for Hundon and Cutts hit the bar before Darren Bates made the game safe for the hosts.
Hundon manager Brian Pilgrim said: "Our midfield was nowhere near up to scratch and we had too many players who didn't perform, but Benny Murray was the difference between the two sides."

West Watting 0 Littleport 1
Cliff Bullen Challenge Cup, quarter-final
ANDREW Lee notched the only goal as Littleport ended West Watting's run in the cup.
After a goalless first half, the deadlock was eventually broken 15 minutes from time when Lee headed home. Mike Bavester, Watting boss, said: "We dominated possession-wise without putting any chances away in the first half and it was a similar story in the second half."



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